

No clerics wounded by grenades

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

Persons were wounded when grenades exploded in the village of Azariya, just east of the town of Olives.

A 17-year-old Moslem imam, Omar Hussan, was seriously wounded when he accidentally set off a DF grenade hidden beneath stones in front of the village. A nun from a nearby convent was wounded less seriously a few minutes later when a DF grenade, also hidden beneath stones, went off as she walked by.

Two weeks ago grenades were discovered at Christian sites on Mt. Zion, a mosque in Beit Safafa, and a village of Husan near Ramat, an anonymous caller (Gale) Zabal, the army radio and claimed responsibility for the name of an organization called "Against Terror."

Senior police source said the problem of security is compounded by the arrival in Jerusalem of Christian pilgrims for Christmas. As of last night the army had still not announced any security operation for Christmas in the Jerusalem and West Bank areas.

In the days following the Zion attempt, police asked of Christian pilgrims to be on guard for suspicious objects.

Police sources last night said the army don't have the manpower to guard at even a tenth of the "Christian, Moslem or Jewish" grenade attack yesterday was the first of its kind to wound anybody. Two weeks following the discoveries of the attempts, Jerusalem police warned that if the group or individuals responsible were not soon, then "somebody will be very badly."

General Security Services involved in the inquiry, sharing information with at least two special investigation teams. There is growing evidence that police want to hand over responsibility for the investigations to GSS, which is still investigating the 1980 bombings of West Bank mayors and has brought anybody to trial. The investigation is studying the Jewish terror connection in the case, the police still are not convinced that the caller to the army.

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Orthodox Jew named Reagan's liaison

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Reagan has appointed an Orthodox Jew as his liaison to the Jewish community. Prof. Marshall Breger will serve as White House liaison to the Jewish community.

He succeeds Michael Gale, who became special assistant to the president for housing and urban development. Breger, who unlike Gale, will be the title of "special assistant," member of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think-tank, recently recommended a trade area between the U.S. and Israel.



Members of the Palestine Liberation Organization yesterday boarded Greek ships in Tripoli, reportedly heading for Tunis, Algiers, and North and South Yemen. The ships, flying the UN flag, were escorted by French Navy vessels.

Arafat, 4,000 loyalists sail away from Lebanon

Decision made at last minute against force

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's decision not to use force to stop the withdrawal of PLO leader Yasser Arafat and his 4,000 men was made during the past 48 hours, a well-placed source told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Israel had wanted to prevent the departure of the Fatah loyalists so that they and the PLO rebels would continue fighting each other and be too busy to attack Israel.

About 1,500 PLO rebels, who have been fighting near Tripoli, will now be able to deploy in other areas. They include men belonging to the Fatah units led by Abu Musa, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command of Ahmed Jibril and the Hittin Brigade of the Palestinian Liberation Army.

Reached at his Defence Ministry office several hours after the Greek ships set sail, Nahman Shai, the minister's media adviser, said Israel had "almost succeeded" in preventing the evacuation.

However, "we decided to act like a civilized state and not sink the ships," he said. Referring to speculation that Israel would shell the Tripoli port area before the Fatah men boarded the ships, he said, "We decided not to hit the area where civilian population is being used as a shield."

"We said we oppose the evacuation. We didn't say we'd take military action," he insisted. Israel could have used force, but the fact that it did not should not be a surprise, he added.

TRIPOLI (AP). — PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and 4,000 loyalist supporters evacuated their last Lebanese stronghold yesterday and left aboard five Greek ships with a French naval escort.

Crowds on shore unleashed a thunderous barrage of automatic rifle and rocket-propelled grenade fire in tribute to the ships flying UN flags sailed out from Tripoli.

The evacuees brandished Arafat's portraits and Palestinian flags from the deck as friends, relatives and remaining comrades chanted, "We will not forget you Palestine," and "Abu Ammar is our leader." — Abu Ammar is Arafat's nom de guerre.

Israeli jets maintained a day-long reconnaissance high overhead, apparently filming the evacuation operation from the moment the Greek ships arrived at mid-morning to the moment they left 48 hours later.

The French aircraft carrier Clemenceau and the destroyer Armand escorted the Greek ships into Tripoli from the Cypriot port of Larnaca, and then left with their Palestinian passengers.

Israeli gunboats that bombarded Tripoli six times in the past 10 days to deter the evacuation operation were not visible off Tripoli. The U.S. told Israel on Monday night it "hopes and expects" the attacks will stop so that the evacuation would be carried out safely.

Arafat flashed the V-for-victory sign as he drove right into the Greek ship Odysseus Elytis in his Range Rover. Before boarding the ship, Arafat attended a 15-minute ceremony at an unfinished port building where his heavy arms were handed over to the Lebanese Army. They included eight Soviet-made truck-mounted multiple rocket

launchers with 36, 24 and 16 tubes. As he climbed back to his Range Rover for the drive to the ship, a smiling Arafat said: "The struggle is not over. We will continue until we reach Jerusalem, the capital of our Palestinian state."

Arafat was supposed to board the Greek ship Santorini, but a huge crowd formed near that ship and the PLO leader ordered his driver to go to the Odysseus Elytis, which was tied about 200 metres away. His bodyguards said his destination was Tunis, where he had set up political headquarters after his ouster from Beirut after the Israeli invasion.

But it could not be determined whether he would go straight to Tunis or make a stop on the Greek island of Crete to catch a plane for the rest of the journey.

The first ship to leave port was the Navos, which headed for Larnaca with 580 evacuees aboard. Iraqi planes will fly them from Larnaca to Baghdad, according to PLO officials.

The Vergina and the Ionia Glory were heading for the Red Sea port of Hodeida in North Yemen, the Indian Ocean port of Aden in South Yemen and to Algeria.

The evacuation was completed a day before today's deadline set by Syrian-backed PLO rebels for Arafat to leave in peace. They had threatened to storm the city of half a million inhabitants if he stayed beyond the deadline.

Arafat came to the city by sea last September, in defiance of a Syrian-government ban against his presence anywhere in Syria or in Syrian-held territory.

On November 3, however, the PLO mutineers mounted a bloody offensive backed by Syrian artillery that drove Arafat out of the two Palestinian refugee camps on Tripoli's outskirts and trapped him

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Court to wait till Friday on ports

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — As the stevedores' go-slow strike went into its 24th day yesterday, the Tel Aviv Labour Court agreed to a Histadrut request to give the stevedores until Friday to return to full work before taking legal action.

The court's decision followed a contempt action brought by the Ports Authority against the stevedores' committee for failing to resume work as ordered by the court a fortnight ago.

The leaders of the stevedores' committees in Haifa and Ashdod ports argued they had honoured the court order by passing it on to the men. They said they were unable to

make the stevedores work more than they wanted to.

Yesterday, the stevedores worked less than on Monday, and in Haifa turnover was estimated at only 25 per cent of normal.

An emergency meeting of manufacturers also brought no relief. It ended with a decision, backed by the government and the Ports Authority, who were both represented, to establish a special fund for airfreighting "vital" exports and imports.

But this decision will not solve the problem of the thousands of tons of exports and imports that are not moving and that planes cannot handle.

Manufacturers also called on the

authority to "cover all losses" they incur as a result of the strike. If the authority agrees, it will have to considerably increase the handling tariffs importers and exporters pay the ports. By law, the authority must pay its own way, and is not allowed to run up deficits. The manufacturers would thus be taking money from one pocket and putting it into another.

The Labour Ministry's chief labour relations officer Nahman Or last night started talks with the authority and the stevedores' committee to try to bridge the gap between them. The authority has offered a 25 per cent wage rise in return for higher output, but the men want 30 per cent. (Story, P. 6)

Rumsfeld gives Iraqi leader Reagan note

BAGHDAD. — U.S. Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld left Baghdad yesterday after delivering a written message from President Reagan to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the official Iraqi News Agency said.

It said the message concerned bilateral relations, the situation in the region and U.S. efforts to achieve peace and stability in Lebanon.

Later, in Rome, Rumsfeld held an unannounced meeting with Premier Bettino Craxi to discuss his tour of Arab capitals, the premier's office announced.

The statement quoted Rumsfeld as saying he told Syrian officials that U.S. bombing attacks against Syrian positions in Lebanon "should not be seen as a hostile act against Syria, but only as a means of protecting the marines." It also quoted him as telling Syrian officials that the U.S. "recognizes the legitimate security interests" of Syria.

Rumsfeld arrived in Baghdad on Monday on the first visit by a senior American official in 16 years and immediately went into talks with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

Reporting on yesterday's meeting, the Iraqi agency said Hussein "responded to the U.S. wish to

continue contacts between officials of both countries to reach a better understanding of their positions on the problems of the region and international issues of common interest."

Some observers here said this might signal progress towards a resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries, severed by Iraq during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. A State Department official in Washington said on Monday night the U.S. is ready to restore full diplomatic relations with Iraq.

Diplomatic sources in Baghdad said Iraq had been ready to resume relations before its war with Iran began in 1980, but put off a decision in case it was interpreted as an attempt to curry favour with the Americans.

Despite the absence of diplomatic relations, there were several high-level contacts between the two sides this year.

Economic relations between the two countries have also been improving.

The news agency said that in his talks with Rumsfeld, Hussein referred to the need for an independent and united Lebanon and the withdrawal of Israeli and other foreign troops from that country. (Reuters, AP)

U.S. hopes its peace plan will be renewed

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The administration is hoping that the successful evacuation of Yasser Arafat and his PLO supporters from Tripoli will help revive President Reagan's 1982 Arab-Israeli peace initiative, a senior State Department official said yesterday.

Briefing reporters at the Foreign Press Centre here, the official specifically expressed hope that Jordan's King Hussein might now win approval from Arafat and other Arab states to join the peace process as the representative of the Palestinians.

Other U.S. officials, however, were by no means confident that Arafat's safe exit from the northern Lebanese city might result in a more moderate Jordanian or PLO posture toward the peace process. They suggested, in fact, that the conflict which has waged within the PLO in recent months might have the exactly opposite impact, since both Arafat and Hussein might now be even more fearful of demonstrating any willingness to reach an accommodation with Israel.

The U.S. is again prepared to undertake a major push in reviving the peace process, especially if tensions in Lebanon should ease. The official

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Israel firm sells \$15m. solar plant to U.S.

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In agreement to build the world's largest solar-pond power plant, a signed yesterday between Southern California Edison Company and Ormat Turbines of Israel, the world's leading developer of solar ponds and low-

temperature generators. The contract will earn Ormat \$15 million. The plant is to be built in San Bernardino County. It will have a 12-megawatt capacity in the first phase, expanding by the end of 1987 to a total of 48 megawatts — enough to meet the peak power demands of 30,000 Edison customers.

The plant will be modelled on the five-megawatt power plant at Beit Ha'arava on the northern shore of the Dead Sea built by Solut, a subsidiary of Ormat and the Scientific Research Foundation (SRF) of Jerusalem. The Beit Ha'arava plant started generating electricity about a month ago.

The contract signed at Beit Ha'arava calls for Southern California Edison to buy the electricity produced for a period of 30 years, from the California plant to be built and operated by a subsidiary of Ormat.

The solar-pond concept is based on the principle that in a standing pond of salt water, the saltier water stays on the bottom. Heat from the

sun penetrating to the saltier and heavier layer is trapped there, because the heavier water cannot rise to the top to allow the heat to escape.

The temperature at the bottom layer can reach 80-90 degrees Centigrade, which is too low to be used in conventional steam-powered tur-

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Deputy Speaker tells son to 'ignore IDF rules'

Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Knesset Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidot (Likud-Herut) blew up a minor storm among opposition benches yesterday when he said he had told his son, who is serving in the West Bank to use his rifle against stone-throwers and disregard army rules prohibiting this. Cohen was speaking on an essentially technical bill extending the

validity of emergency regulations on the adjudication of crimes in the administered areas.

He said that he would rather have his son "sit in jail than lie in a hospital." The present rule is "stupid," he said. "What good does it do to chase a 10-year-old stone-thrower," he asked. "If you succeed in catching him, are you going to send him to a detention camp?"

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

West German Ambassador Niels Hansen hosted a luncheon at his Herzliya home for the Mayor of Bonn, Hans Daniels, deputy mayors Jürgen Endemann and Hans Steger, Burkhard Hirsch, a Bundestag member of the West German-Israel Interparliamentary group, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, his deputies and city councillors, to mark the friendship agreement between the two cities.

Prof. Martin Gilbert will give a public lecture on Soviet Jewry at 8:30 p.m. today at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.

The director of the Meteorological Service, Yehuda Tokali, will speak on cloud seeding to the Haifa Rotary Club at the Nof Hotel, at 8 p.m. today.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club will host the Zichron Ya'akov Club at a ladies' night reception at the YMCA at 8 p.m. tonight. Photographer Werner Braun will show his slides on the Red Sea.

ARRIVALS

Robert (Bibi) Viner, senior vice-president of AIPAC and president of the Music Foundation, and Mary Jane Viner, executive vice-president of the Music Foundation for AIPAC and Music Foundation, arrived in Jerusalem today.

2 IDF soldiers hurt by mine in Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Two Israeli soldiers were wounded yesterday when their command-car went over a mine two kilometers northeast of Jeb-Jenin on the eastern front. They were flown by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

This is the first incident of hostile activity on the eastern front in several months. Military sources said that infiltration attempts from Syrian-controlled territory have declined recently. IDF troops are combing the area and experts are trying to determine whether the mine was newly-laid.

Three hostile acts were performed against IDF troops in Sidon yesterday.

IN THE KNESSET/Asher Wallfish and Aryeh Rubinstein

Reconciliation solves Savidor 'bias' issue

The coalition executive, which attacked Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor on Monday for allegedly sympathizing with the opposition, buried the hatchet yesterday at a reconciliation meeting in which they promised him three more coalition deputies in the presidium.

Savidor convinced the coalition executive that the number of opposition requests for urgent motions approved compared with the number of successful coalition requests, matched the volume submitted to the presidium by the opposition and the coalition respectively.

Savidor said it was up to the coalition to request more urgent debates, to use the Knesset as an information forum.

The Speaker's colleagues, while accepting his defence, told Savidor they would work to give him five deputies instead of the two he has at present, so that the coalition could vote down any embarrassing motions in the presidium, without him needing to appear biased in favour of the government.

Although this would mean a presidium of six, Savidor plus five deputies, the House rules give Savidor a double vote if he needs it.

Nazis to be issue
Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Herzog meets Udi Adiv on tour of Ramle jail

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMLE. — President Chaim Herzog yesterday met convicted spy Udi Adiv at Ramle Prison on his first presidential prison tour. Adiv has served two-thirds of his 17-year sentence, and his parents have launched a drive to have the final third remitted. Adiv has also asked for permission to get married.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Prison Commissioner Mordechai Wertheimer, who accompanied the president on his tour, were present at his meeting with Adiv, but no details were available.

Herzog is on record as supporting the right of Adiv to marry, but as president he cannot recommend this or remission of a third of his sentence. He can only grant a pardon. Beit Hanassi said yesterday that the president expects to receive the Adiv file, with the recommendations of the Justice Ministry, within a few days.

Herzog's visit was not directly connected with the Adiv case. He said before starting the tour that he wanted to express the public's anxiety at the growing rate of crime in the country.

The prison was freshly painted and whitewashed for the president's visit. The floors were still wet from recent washing and splashed with paint spots in several places.

Prisoners pushed to the bars over their cell windows to see the president, some of them holding out written requests for amnesty. "Hey, Burg," shouted one prisoner, "how about burglars' exchange for a change?" (Instead of POW's exchange). Burg asked him what he had eaten for dinner the previous day and the prisoner replied: "meatballs, squash and dry bread." Burg promised to look into the quality of food in the prison.

Another prisoner asked the president why the state is investing so much money in settlements beyond the green line, but when it comes to improving the sub-human prison conditions, there are no funds. The president replied that although he is concerned about the problem of overcrowding, he would not speak of political matters.

The president visited the top security Rakefet section, where the most dangerous criminals, such as Herzl Avitan — on trial for the murder of Prison Commander Ronnie Nitzan and suspected of the murder of fellow prisoner Haim Shoshan — are kept.

In Neveh Tirza women's prison, Avitan's wife, Orit Arviv, who is serving an eight-year sentence for attempted murder and robbery, read out a cordial greeting to the president.

Herzog spoke to Sonia Tailakh, a German who had trained with the PLO in Lebanon. Married to a Palestinian who is serving a prison sentence on drug charges in Germany, Tailakh said she had come to Israel for vacation and was arrested upon leaving the country. She was sewing striped kitchen towels at the sewing workshop.

Rahamim Aharoni, found guilty of the double murder of Amos Orion and Azar Cohen, has a large number of plants in his cell, thanks to one of his cellmates who is a gardener. Kozo Okamoto peered at the visitors from a peephole; Attorney Shimon Hermon, standing trial for the murder of his pregnant girlfriend Carmella Blass met a friend among the journalists ("We'd pray at the same synagogue") and gave him messages for his family.

At the end of his visit Herzog told reporters that he had been affected by the prisoners' concern for what would happen to them when they left the prison walls.



President Chaim Herzog listens to a prisoner's complaint through a cell door, while on a tour of Ramle Prison yesterday. At left Udi Adiv, who met the president, is pictured in the prison yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Yeshiva inspector's home vandalized

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Vandals on Monday broke into the home of Zion Suissa, Religious Affairs Ministry inspector of yeshivot, causing damage but stealing nothing.

The inspector has been visiting yeshivot and kollelim (advanced yeshivot for married students), over the past six months, checking the number of actual students present, as compared with those listed for the purpose of obtaining ministry grants. Because of his visits, dozens of institutions have been forced to close.

Suissa told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had received many threats, by telephone and through the mail, but this was the first time that any physical damage had been done.

He was especially upset, he said, by the fact that the intruders had wreaked their vengeance on the room of his children, leaving his own bedroom untouched. His two young sons discovered the damage when they came home from school.

Suissa said he reported the break-in to the police on Monday. Yesterday, he said, he realized that in all likelihood the attack was linked to the threats, and he told the police about these as well.

Suissa said he has so far visited about 150 of the some 600 yeshivot in Israel, checking some of them three or four times. He realized that such institutions often have a high turnover, and his inspection tours made allowances for this.

Women soldiers to get gas cannisters

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Defence Forces is to issue gas cannisters to women soldiers for self-protection in February on an experimental basis, and if the results are positive, all women soldiers will get them, the IDF Spokesman said yesterday.

This is one of the measures the IDF has decided upon following recent murders of hitch-hikers.

According to the army's standing regulations women soldiers may not hitch rides at night and can be punished if they do.

Orders now being prepared say that at nighttime women soldiers must wait even for military vehicles or buses only at lit-up bus stations or hitch-hiking stations, where a Military Policeman is present.

They may ride only in public transport, military vehicles, cars leaving military camps, or cars whose drivers and passengers are known to them. In the administered territories they may not travel alone, even if armed.

Family gets photos of PoW in Syria

ACRE (Itim). — Members of the Alon family of Acre, whose son Yohanan is a prisoner-of-war in Syria, last week received two photographs of him from Red Cross officials who visited him recently.

"Yohanan looks great, but a little strange, after he grew a thick beard and moustache," said his father, Yitzhak. The apparently recent picture shows Rav-Turai (Corporal) Yohanan, an Armoured Corps soldier, sitting in an armchair smiling. The family received their last picture of him eight months ago.

The father said that letters Yohanan sent indicate he has recovered from wounds received during his capture by the Syrians nearly a year ago, when he drove his water tanker into an ambush near Bahadoun in Lebanon.

His father reported that Yohanan has recently begun to learn English from fellow prisoner Arik Lieberman, whom he is teaching to speak Arabic. Yohanan cooks their meals.

In his most recent letter, which the family received some three months ago, Yohanan writes that he feels well and asks his family not to worry. He recently celebrated his 21st birthday.

Judge will rule on Birkat Avraham

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The patron of Birkat Avraham Yeshiva in Jerusalem's Old City, Abraham Dwek, yesterday won yet another reprieve from having to demolish an illegally-built room on the third floor of the building.

Dwek asked the Jerusalem Magistrates Court yesterday to annul an administrative demolition order served Monday by the municipality against the yeshiva in the Moslem quarter. The demolition was to have begun yesterday.

Magistrates Court Judge Dalia Koval said she would give her ruling on the demolition tomorrow.

On Monday, however, the yeshiva's rabbi, Leizer Berland, and another representative of Birkat Avraham, signed a memorandum with Police chief Tat-Nitzav Rahamim Comfort in which the yeshiva agreed not to interfere with municipal demolition teams.

The *Jerusalem Post* learned that during this meeting Berland said that he and students at the yeshiva did not even want the extra room built. The students could not assist in the demolition of an anteroom to a synagogue, but it was made clear that there would be no violent opposition to the city wrecking teams.

An earlier order to demolish the room was ruled invalid on a technicality.

'Mystery' of Argentinian flight denied

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A senior Argentinian Embassy source said here yesterday there was nothing mysterious about the arrival in Israel recently of an Argentinian Air Force plane carrying people who may have left Buenos Aires illegally.

This is despite the fact that Argentina's newly elected President Raoul Alfonsin on Monday ordered an investigation into the plane's flight on December 12.

The Argentinian Air Force yesterday denied reports the plane carried documents and 10 clandestine passengers, but said three passengers — relatives of Argentinian military personnel in Israel — did not go through immigration control in Buenos Aires.

The embassy source, who asked not to be identified, said Argentinian military planes fly here regularly, bringing back equipment sent here for maintenance. Reuters reports that the plane in question brought back engines and spares for Argentina's Israeli-built Dagger fighter planes. Such flights have been going on for more than 20 years.

Ben-Meir: Hussein delays solution

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir said yesterday that King Hussein's failure to join the autonomy talks is delaying a solution to the problem of the administered areas. It is regrettable that the main losers from this delay are the Palestinian Arabs, he said.

Replying to motions for the agenda by Ya'acov Tsur (Alignment) and Geula Cohen (Tehiya) on "renewing the political process with Jordan," Ben-Meir noted that Prime Minister Shamir, like his predecessors, had urged Hussein to join the talks. That invitation still stands, he said.

When Ben-Meir said that Camp David was the only basis for peace, Shimon Peres (Alignment) asked why then had the U.S. come up with the Reagan Plan.

Ben-Meir replied that the Reagan Plan is an interpretation of Camp David that differs from Israel's. But Camp David is the only agreed document and is therefore the only basis for peace, he said.

Hand grenade thrown at Israeli car in Gaza

GAZA (Itim). — A hand grenade was thrown at 11:30 a.m. yesterday at a Border Police vehicle in the centre of Gaza. The grenade missed its mark, rolled into the street and exploded after it hit a car belonging to a local resident. An Arab woman was lightly wounded.

A number of young Arabs were arrested for questioning and the security forces closed off the area. This is the second such incident this month in Gaza.

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with his loyalists inside the besieged city.

A cease-fire was worked out between Saudi Arabia and Syria under which Arafat agreed to leave. He has behind between 1,700 and 1 men who formed the original rison of the Nahr el-Bared and Baddawi refugee camps.

PLO officials said agreement been reached with the rebels these fighters would be allowed return and live as civilians in two camps.

Reinforced Lebanese police, supervised the evacuation operation, took over control of the area after the PLO's departure.

But hooded militiamen of fundamentalist Tawheed Isl (Islamic Unification) Movement the city's largest private army sided with Arafat during the civil war, were seen speeding jeeps on the streets that were almost totally deserted the instant the Greek ship sailed out.

There were fears among the population that a new confrontation would break out between Tawheedists and the Arab Knights local militia, which backed by their Syrian and P rebel allies.

U.S. HOPES

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insisted that Reagan was intent moving ahead in the broader process in 1984, despite presidential elections in November. "The pursuit of peace is a politics," he said.

At the same time, the administration is widely seen as most anxious to bring the U.S. Marines Lebanon home as quickly as possible. That remains the number-one U.S. priority in the region, finding an acceptable formula, U.S. officials said, is by no means easy.

At the Foreign Press Centre, senior State Department officials also disclosed that the first session of the U.S.-Israel joint political military committee has been delayed until "mid-January" — opposed to the first week of 1 month as earlier announced.

(Reagan was due to give a nationwide televised press conference a.m. Israel time which is to be primarily with the Middle East.)

GRENADES

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radio station is indeed involved in a conspiracy. Police say the fact cutter always waits until after the of the terror attempts has been broadcast indicates that it is merely he-somebody "hitch-hiki on the news."

In addition to the Jewish terrorism connection theory, the police at GSS have not stopped investigating the possibility that extremist Arab may be responsible, seeking, as an officer said yesterday, "to make international trouble for us."

The Moslem Council of Azari denounced the grenade attacks, calling them part of "the continuing a sault upon Christian and Moslem institutions." The council calls upon the authorities to end what described as "the growing anarchy in the West Bank."

Haim Shapiro adds:

Rev. David Price, rector of Christchurch (Anglican) in the Old City, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the hostel at his church and other Christian hostels have to see the flood of visitors that usually comes for Christmas. He said the recent violence could affect the tourist trade and he hopes the authorities are taking it seriously.

Father Ignazio Mancini, the Roman Catholic Custos of the Holy Land, told *The Post* that he believes the culprits are ultra-Orthodox fanatics. "We (the Franciscans) are the guardians of the Holy Land and we have told our people to be careful, but it is difficult to watch out every time you open a door," he said.

He added that he does not know what the police are doing, but feels it is not enough.

Phone charges increase today

International phone and telegraph charges are to go up by 10.38 per cent as of this morning, as a result of the devaluation of the shekel. Details of the new rates are available from "18" the international exchange.

Taxi fares are to be increased by 25 per cent on January 1. These increases will apply to both private taxis and sheruts. (Itim)

DRUG BUST

Forty-six suspected drug dealers and importers were arrested yesterday in the Gaza Strip. Police said that 150 policemen reinforced by soldiers took part in the operation.

On the first anniversary of the death of my beloved husband

JACK YAACOV SMITH 5-7

We shall hold a memorial service at the graveside at the Givat Shaul Cemetery, Jerusalem, on Sunday December 25, 1983. We shall meet at the cemetery gate at 2.00 p.m.

His wife — Hadassa Sokolik-Smith and Family

The Hadassah family in Israel mourns the passing of

DAVID EPSTEIN

beloved son of Judith Epstein, former National President of Hadassah, and Moses P. Epstein.

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Saba HARRY CRIDEN

The funeral took place on Tuesday, December 20, 1983.

Family and Beit Kfar Blum

Troops use tear gas at Nablus college protest

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Troops used tear gas yesterday to break up a demonstration by students in Nablus protesting against the military's efforts to gain control of the city.

Hours after the demonstration, a petrol bomb was thrown at a foot patrol. There were no injuries reported and no arrests made. Another petrol bomb was thrown last night at a Border vehicle.

An estimated 100 students demonstrated against the military occupation and protest slogans as they milled about the centre of town and began heading to the university. They demonstrated against the military government's decision to roadblock near the college

and to require all entering to show identity cards.
According to a university source, the students believe that the army's demand that they show their identity cards is a step towards the implementation of a plan to put the school under control of the military government.

A military source denied this, saying that the "selective roadblocks" are to prevent "outside agitators" onto the campus.

Eyewitnesses said the 8:30 a.m. demonstration was peaceful. "There was no stone throwing, no tire burning, nothing," said a university spokesman. He said that the troops began using tear gas and firing into the air after the students began a march from the downtown in the direction of their school.

A police deny indifference Egyptians' complaints

Jerusalem Post Staff
TEL AVIV. — Police yesterday said they are indifferent to Egyptian diplomats' complaints about their apartments, their cars and various telephone threats.

There have been no arrests in connection with these complaints. Spokesman MK Mohammed Wazad said yesterday that Interior Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is seeking to sabotage relations between Israel and Egypt must be behind the criminal offences against Egyptian diplomats.

The police must take urgent measures following the complaints, and the security arms must see that the diplomats' life and property are protected, he wrote.

Police sources yesterday confirmed that Tel Aviv District Commander Nitzav Avraham Turgeman recently told embassy representatives that many Tel Avivians suffer from the same problems, and that the police treat all complaints as the law requires, but they do not always find the culprits.

It is learned that Turgeman maintains continuous contact with the Egyptian diplomats.

The Egyptian press attache was unavailable for comment.

awling basketball players wreck pub

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Five American basketball players, all members of a Tikva team, wrecked a pub in a drunken brawl before dawn here yesterday, police said. Three of the men were arrested after police used tear gas to overpower them.

The basketball players, drinking at the intersection of Ben-Yehuda and Jabotinsky streets, began fighting at about 4:40

a.m. They smashed the front window of the pub, threw beer bottles around and overturned tables and chairs.

When police arrived, the players assaulted them. Finally by means of force and tear gas, police ended the brawl. One policeman hit by a spray of tear gas was hospitalized for treatment.

It was learned yesterday that the arrested players were not cooperating in the police investigation.

h Fleet sailors coming for Christmas

TEL AVIV. — Over 5,000 sailors of the Sixth Fleet operating off Israel are to spend Christmas in the city. The Jerusalem Post was told yesterday.

Today, the destroyer USS Shafter is due to begin an 11-day visit and tomorrow the oiler Merrimack is due to start its 10-day visit.

On Friday, the 78,000-ton aircraft carrier USS Independence, is to arrive for a five-day visit with its

crew of nearly 5,000.

The sailors will be the guests of the Israeli Navy and are to visit Christian holy sites during their stay.

Due to the strikes in Haifa and Ashdod harbours, hundreds of foreign merchant sailors whose ships are held up will also be spending Christmas in Israel. The Scandinavian seamen's churches in Haifa and Ashdod expect record attendances for their services.

use wedding straddles Golan border

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Dozens of Israeli soldiers, the Golan Heights and Syria yesterday held a wedding celebration held both sides of the Golan border.

The groom, Nazia Said Abu el, 25, originally from Majdal, was married to a Syrian woman in 1973. The file was closed after Attorney-General

Damascus for some years, he met his bride, a villager from Hader near Majdal Shams, but on the Syrian side of the border.

The couple and the bride's family were on the Syrian side of the fence during the ceremony, with the groom's family on the Israeli side.

Reports said the atmosphere was festive and that large quantities of refreshments were consumed on both sides of the fence.

Just closes file against building contractor

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The district court yesterday decided to close a criminal file against contractor Yoram Rubinstein, one of the men of the Rubinstein building companies, and Holon city engineer Eyal Kornblum. Rubinstein was charged in 1980 with giving Kornblum a bribe in 1973. The file was closed after Attorney-General

Yitzhak Zamir decided to delay legal action against the pair.

The district court closed the file after Zamir informed it that "because of the evidence and the length of time that has passed since the event raise certain doubts about the charge, it is proper that the accused should benefit from the doubt."



Members of the Bethlehem Peace Pilgrimage yesterday pose outside the walls of Jerusalem's Old City. The ecumenical group of 20 men and women have walked some 12,000 kilometres across the U.S. and Europe in support of nuclear disarmament. They are to end their journey in Bethlehem on December 25.

(Ruhaimin Israeli)

Scientists call for nuclear power station

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel's nuclear societies opened their 11th annual conference at the Technion yesterday and, as they have done at every previous meeting, called on the government to make an immediate start on a nuclear power plant.

This year, the 200 participants were joined by 35 experts from the U.S., Germany, Italy and Switzerland. They discussed safety measures and the problem of siting nuclear reactors in small countries.

The president of the Israel Nuclear Society, Yigal Ronen, told the meeting that the budget for Israel's nuclear power programme is not enough to carry out the decisions taken by the government.

He said that recent actions by the U.S. Congress and new regulations by the U.S. Department of Energy are limiting the transfer of technology by American bodies to Israel and cutting down cooperation between the two countries. A bill now under consideration would make it even more difficult for the re-transfer of technology to Israel by third countries.

The department had put Israel on the list of "problematic" countries to be kept away from nuclear expertise, together with Libya, South Africa and Argentina.

Ronen appealed to the 30 American scientists taking part in the congress to use their influence at home "to help us change these American policies towards Israel."

noting that such a change is in the interest of both countries.

He added that Israel would reconsider its refusal to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty (NPT) when guarantees against nuclear attack by others would be clarified. This refusal is a major stumbling-block in Israel's ability to acquire a nuclear reactor from the U.S.

Despite all the difficulties, he proposed immediate measures to put Israel on the road to nuclear power. These included the preparation of professional staff, the siting and licensing of a plant (for which the Nitzana seashore site should be reconsidered simultaneously with a possible inland site) and finding a solution to the problem of cooling.

Ministry staff may face back-to-work orders

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs might have to issue back-to-work orders to its staff if no solution is found to their demands to bring their pay into line with that of other ministries, Deputy Minister Ben-Zion Rubin said last night.

Rubin said that the ministry and the Treasury are exploring ways to increase the pay of certain groups of workers without violating the

framework of the wage agreement for the public sector. Rubin met yesterday with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Or and Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Natan on this matter, and their talks are to continue today.

Staff committee representative David Zioni said the staff has intensified the sanctions it began two weeks ago, and now refuses to receive the public, answer mail, take phone calls or pay suppliers of

ministry institutions.

He said that the staff rejects the attempt to restrict its demands to the wage framework, since this would not help most of the lowest-paid workers in the ministry.

Rubin said that the ministry's day-care centres, facilities for the aged and retarded, and other institutions are operating on supplies received before the sanctions began. If the sanctions continue, he said, these institutions would have to close by the end of the week.

ARAFAT LIKELY

likely to renew his political offensive against Israel from Tunisia, where he established his headquarters following his first ouster from Lebanon, by Israel, some 18 months ago.

Jordan will undoubtedly be the major focus of his interest, but there are signs that he will look increasingly to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and, significantly, to Iraq.

Iraq could in fact turn out to be a key element in Arafat's strategy, both as a counterweight to the rival Ba'athist-controlled Syria, and as an increasingly committed member of the circle of traditional American allies in the region — Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia — whose role in any revival of the Reagan plan will be vital.

In this context, the visit of President Reagan's special Middle East envoy, Donald Rumsfeld, to Baghdad this week could be of significance — particularly as it has been accompanied by reports both from Washington and from Baghdad of a growing rapprochement between the two countries, with a possible resumption of the diplomatic ties severed in 1967 not to be ruled out.

No less significant are the reports that several hundred of the men

evacuated from Tripoli are due to disembark in Cyprus and proceed by air to Baghdad.

In Lebanon itself, the departure of Arafat and his men will no doubt be viewed, at least formally, as a further step in the struggle to rid the country of all foreign forces.

There will also doubtless be relief that a bloodbath in Lebanon's second largest city appears to have been avoided — although some commentators have warned that such relief may be premature, with the Syrians and their local allies still left with a score to settle with Sheikh Shauaban and his strongly anti-Syrian fundamentalist followers, who sided openly and actively with Arafat during the Tripoli siege.

Tel Aviv U. to offer course in journalism

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv University yesterday announced the opening of a two-semester certificate programme in journalism, to begin this February. The programme, made possible by a special fund, will be headed by former Ma'ariv editor Shalom Rosenfeld.

The programme is open to holders of a bachelor's degree and to experienced journalists with matriculation certificates.

Haifa's Danya residents raising barriers to check cars

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Residents of the Danya neighbourhood — home of murdered schoolboy Danny Katz — have decided to erect barricades at the two entrances to the quarter to boost security. They will be manned by Civil Guards recruited from the area.

The residents also intend to put stickers on local cars and any outside vehicles will have to stop for identification.

The measures were approved at a meeting of the residents on Monday night. A proposal to employ security guards to man the barriers was rejected after Haifa District Police Chief Tat Nitzav Meshulam Amit told them that only police or Civil Guards are authorized to stop vehicles.

Amit promised to increase police

patrols in the area, although he pointed out that the Haifa police district, which stretches from Hadera to the outskirts of Acre, has a population of nearly 600,000 while total police manpower is 1,200.

Danya residents committee chairman, Eliezer Hershson, said the implementation of the security measure would go a long way toward calming fears. In addition, the Egged bus cooperative has promised to run additional services inside the neighbourhood. "It will now be up to the residents to use the buses and to make sure that the Civil Guard works," he said.

Meanwhile, the special team set up to investigate Katz's murder is continuing round-the-clock. Police hope the results of forensic tests, which have now been received, may provide clues in their hunt for the boy's killer or killers.

Na'amat against changing marriage law

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Na'amat women's organization is trying to nip in the bud efforts to expand the jurisdiction of rabbinical courts over marriage.

Na'amat secretary-general Masha Lubelsky yesterday sent an urgent letter to Prime Minister Shamir telling him that the proposed changes may endanger the right of certain citizens to marry.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs is circulating a list of suggested changes among cabinet members prior to drafting a bill on the subject.

Today, civil marriages performed abroad are recognized when the couple arrives here. But if the amendments are accepted, certain marriages, such as that between a cohen and divorcee, will not be recognized by the state unless the rabbinical court gives its sanction. A cohen is a descendant of the ancient priestly caste.

The option now open to a minor to appeal to the civil courts against a rabbinical court decision on custody and maintenance would also be closed by the proposed changes, she said. Lubelsky told the prime minister that rabbinical courts too often tend to define "the good of the child" as meaning he should be in the care of his more religious parent. Such a decision may not always be for the good of the child, she said.

'Cleaning workers' arrest 16 gamblers

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A police detective masquerading as a cleaning worker, engineered the arrest of 16 alleged gamblers and the confiscation of IS4.5 million in a Tel Aviv hotel on Monday night.

A surveillance team led by Pakad Shalom Frisch, which investigated a number of hotels, reportedly heard gamblers in a room in the Palace Hotel. The Jerusalem Post has learned. They also thought they heard the clicking of a roulette wheel.

Frisch pretended to be shouting instructions to cleaning workers.

Voices from the suspect room told him that the room did not need cleaning. After pretending to leave the area, Frisch and a group of detectives burst into the room where they said they found a roulette wheel, chips, and IS2m in a cashbox. They found another IS2.5m in the possession of the 16 people present in the room, sources said.

Two of the suspects were hiding under the table, as the other 14 were being arrested. After the others were being bundled off, Frisch said: "Okay guys, out with you," and they reportedly emerged sheepishly.

Games of chance are illegal in Israel.

Two polluted Kinneret beaches closed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Health Ministry has ordered the closure of two bathing beaches on Lake Kinneret near Tiberias, following water tests that revealed high levels of pollution, a ministry spokesman said.

The Tiberias municipal beach and the Sirena beach were closed to bathers until further notice. The pollution was the result of repairs carried out on the untreated water carrier, which caused tons of sewage from Tiberias to flow into the Kinneret. Both beaches are close to the spot where the sewage emptied into the lake.

The repairs and resultant dumping of sewage into the Kinneret were carried out against the wishes of the Health Ministry, which is responsible for supervising the quality of water throughout the country, the spokesman said.

The Health Ministry will step up its testing of water along Kinneret beaches and has ordered increased filtering and chlorination of water going into the lake at the affected spots, he said.

The ministry will take further measures in accordance with the results of the water tests, the spokesman said.

Advanced imaging units installed at Hadassah

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two units of very advanced imaging equipment went into use this week at the Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem, radiology department, headed by Prof. Roy Gordon. The equipment was donated by Dr. Paul Guttman, a radiologist from California, in honour of his mother, Lila.

The real-time ultrasound unit projects moving images from the body's interior onto a screen, as opposed to the static pictures obtained

from previous ultrasound equipment. The digital subtraction angiography unit makes it possible to carry out tests on an outpatient basis, obviating the need for several days of hospitalization.

BIRTHDAY. — Jerusalem's David Yellin Teachers College yesterday celebrated its seventieth anniversary, and honoured the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ben-Zion Dinur, its second principal and Israel's second minister of education.

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South Africa, Mozambique reportedly holding talks

MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP). — South Africa and its Marxist-ruled rival Mozambique yesterday held previously unannounced talks in Swaziland, the Mozambican news agency reported.

The agency said the talks centred on tensions between the southern African neighbours.

A spokesman for the South African Ministry of Foreign Affairs acknowledged Foreign Minister P. W. Botha was in Swaziland, but refused to comment "at this time" on whether he met with a delegation from Mozambique. The news agency did not identify the Mozambican group.

Swaziland, which has three borders with South Africa and a fourth with Mozambique, has cordial relations with both countries, but tries to prevent the black-nationalist African National Congress (ANC) saboteurs from slipping into South Africa.

In Portugal, Lisbon Radio quoted Mozambique President Samora Machel as telling Portuguese jour-

nalists: "South Africa will not oblige us to recognize apartheid nor to murder the ANC." But he reportedly said the talks could help the two countries "live with each other, because we are both extremely uncomfortable with each other now."

The radio quoted Machel as saying he hopes the talks lead to a non-aggression pact, under which "nobody attacks anybody," and the establishment of good commercial relations.

The two nations have commercial ties, but are otherwise at odds over South Africa's white-minority rule and Mozambique's policy of allowing the ANC to maintain offices there.

ANC terrorists regularly plant bombs in South Africa. The group killed 19 people and wounded more than 200 when it detonated a car bomb last May on a crowded Pretoria street.

Three days later, South African jets strafed and bombed alleged ANC safe houses on Maputo's outskirts.

Warsaw claims arms cache found in priest's apartment

WARSAW. — The government yesterday claimed that police had found ammunition, explosives and tear gas in the apartment of a Roman Catholic priest.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban told a news conference that "there is a possibility" that the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko would be arrested, but that the outspoken Solidarity supporter remained free pending investigation.

Popieluszko later told Reuters by telephone that the charges were "nonsense, idiotic and laughable, and that is what I told the public prosecutor."

"They can say they found these things, but they still have to prove it," he said.

The popular Warsaw priest was questioned by the Warsaw prosecutor for several hours on December 12 about alleged political crimes and detained overnight. He was released when senior Catholic clerics intervened. The search of

the apartment was conducted during his detention.

The two-pronged charges against the 36-year-old priest are among the most serious against any cleric since the December 13, 1981 declaration of martial law.

Popieluszko has said he had not visited the Warsaw apartment for several months prior to the search. The apartment is several kilometres from the St. Stanislaw church, where thousands flock to hear the young priest's sermons.

Urban also said that a new summons would be issued to Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa, who failed to appear for questioning at Gdansk police headquarters as ordered last Wednesday because he was bedridden with influenza.

Urban, speaking in response to reporters' questions, said the summons concerned a meeting Walesa has said he had with members of Solidarity's underground temporary coordinating commission.

Some U.S. judges fear violence in court

SEATTLE (AP). — Judges fearful for their safety in the courtroom have been donning bulletproof vests and, in at least one case, a judge has been toting a gun beneath his robes, officials said recently.

Judges in Washington state's King County said that verbal threats have increased against them, and incidents of violence in and out of the courtroom are on the rise.

Superior Court Judge Frank Roberts Jr. said no judge is immune from violence. "It is a very serious situation," he said.

Courtroom guards are on duty during criminal trials, but judges said the greatest danger is during domestic and juvenile hearings when guards are rarely present.

Judge Frank Eberhart said he once hid a loaded pistol in a shoulder holster under his robes. He said he was worried a plaintiff in a civil suit would attempt to make good a threat to kill an attorney in the case. The trial went peacefully, and Eberhart did not have to use the gun.

Gunfire broke out in a Seattle courtroom only once in recent years, when a guard fired a warning shot into a wall during a disturbance in a 1980 murder trial.

Death toll hits 22 as severe cold grips mid-U.S.

NEW YORK (AP). — America's heartland shivered into its fourth day of record-breaking cold as a frigid blast from the Arctic sent chills from the Pacific to the Potomac yesterday, stalling cars, bursting pipes, closing schools and causing at least 22 deaths.

With temperatures well below zero across the northern third of the nation, the National Weather Service predicted scattered snow would bring additional winter woes from the Rocky Mountains to the Great Lakes. But the snow was only a sidelight to the main show — a miserably stagnant deep freeze that covered much of the country.

Williston, North Dakota, was the nation's coldest spot at 40 below zero centigrade until a reading came in from Saint Cloud, Minnesota, at 40.5 below. Then came a National Weather Service announcement of minus 42 in Harrison, Wisconsin.

At least 22 deaths have been attributed to the weather since the weekend, including traffic fatalities on slippery roads in Idaho, Missouri, and Utah, carbon monoxide poisonings in Oklahoma and exposure deaths in Iowa and Illinois.

The Arctic air mass is expected to drift slowly east during the next few days, bringing some relief to the Midwest but foisting winter woes on the east.

Families ready to hold talks with kidnappers

ROME (AP). — Two days after kidnappers sent a severed ear as a warning, owners of the Bulgari jewelry store announced yesterday that they are ready to negotiate for the release of two of their family members.

"The families of Bulgari and Calisconi communicate to the abductors that the negotiations will be conducted by lawyer Nino," said a brief statement distributed to news media. It did not give the attorney's full name.

Anna Bulgari Calisconi, 36, and her 16-year-old son, Giorgio, were abducted from their family estate south of Rome on November 19 by three armed and masked bandits. She and four cousins are heirs of the famous Bulgari jewelry store, which has shops in Rome, New York, Paris, Geneva and Monte Carlo.

Medical experts said Monday that a night ear found in a Rome trash can on Sunday "almost certainly" belonged to Giorgio, and that it was cut off in a "rough manner."

Earthquake in Pacific

GOLDEN, Colorado (AP). — A strong earthquake shook the Pacific Ocean floor early yesterday near the northern California coast and was felt on land, but no damage was reported, the U.S. Geological Survey reported.

Soviets warn of action against Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — The Soviet and Afghan governments could take joint action to stop interference in Afghanistan from neighbouring Pakistan, the Soviet ambassador in Pakistan said in an interview published yesterday.

Quoted in the daily Nawa-i-Waqt, Ambassador Vitaly Smirnov also said the U.S. is planning to drop supplies to Moslem guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed Afghan government.

According to the paper, the ambassador repeated Soviet charges that Pakistan is helping the guerrillas and said the Soviet Union and Afghanistan would consider taking joint action if the interference does not stop.

Islamabad has denied it is helping the Afghan guerrillas, but Smirnov said Pakistan had become a base for them to carry out activities in Afghanistan.

Smirnov said the rebels are being "saluted in Pakistan," a reference to the frequent praise they receive from Pakistan government leaders.

He said the UN-sponsored talks for a solution to the Afghan problem are not making headway because "aggression" against Afghanistan was increasing.

Pakistani and Afghan foreign ministers have held three rounds of talks through a UN intermediary since last year, aimed at the withdrawal of an estimated 105,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan and

the return of more than four million refugees from Pakistan and Iran. Smirnov said Moscow and Kabul could discuss withdrawal of Soviet troops if international guarantees were given for non-interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

Meanwhile, rebel sources in Pakistan said Afghan Army units were shelling a border post in the Khyber Pass yesterday after guerrillas overran it on Monday and closed the frontier with Pakistan.

Shells were falling around the Torkham border post, a complex of customs and army buildings astride Kabul's main highway to the western world, but there were no reports of direct hits so far, the sources in Peshawar said.

Korea confirms jail terms for Chinese hijackers

SEOUL (Reuters). — The leader of six Chinese hijackers struggled with guards in a Seoul court yesterday, after judges spurned their appeals against jail sentences for forcing a Chinese airliner to fly to South Korea.

Prison warders bundled Zhou Changren, 35, out of the courtroom after he refused to leave. He shouted to reporters, "Can such a decision be taken in an anti-Communist country?" and demanded to go to Taiwan.

Rejecting both prosecution and defence appeals, the court upheld jail sentences of four to six years for the hijackers, one of whom is a woman. But it hinted the government might be lenient on political or humanitarian grounds.

The defendants, saying they were political refugees, have demanded that South Korea, which has no diplomatic relations with China, allow them to go to Taiwan.

But the prosecutors, while admitting that the hijackers were political dissidents, asked the court to increase their prison terms to up to 10 years, saying they had endangered innocent lives when they took over the airliner in May.

Owners detained in Madrid disco fire

MADRID (Reuters). — A judge yesterday ordered the detention of the five owners of a Madrid disco where 79 people were killed in a weekend fire.

Court officials said bail for the owners of the Alcala 20 rock disco was fixed at 50 million pesetas (\$130.6m.) each, but no charges had been filed yet.

Survivors of the blaze have said several exits were blocked when the fire broke out early on Saturday.

Hundreds of teenagers fought their way out, apparently forcing doors and breaking down metal grilles, but 79 were trapped inside the converted music hall and most were suffocated by smoke.

The disco's owners have been held in custody since Saturday for questioning. They were transferred to a city prison yesterday on the judge's order.

Bonn minister staying in cabinet

BONN (AP). — Economics Minister Otto Lambdordt will remain in the West German cabinet until a court decides whether there is sufficient evidence to indict him in a bribery scandal, the government announced yesterday. The court's decision is not expected before next spring.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl approved Lambdordt's decision in their meeting Monday night in Bonn which was also attended by Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, chief government spokesman Peter Bönisch said.

Lambdordt has been charged by the Bonn prosecutor with accepting political payoffs to approve tax breaks for the Flick holding company of Duesseldorf.

CROCODILES.

— Crocodiles have killed 25 pupils at a primary school in western Zambia over the past five years, according to the Zambia information services.

Sport

BASKETBALL

Home from home

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

Hapoel Ramat Gan, the leaders with Maccabi Tel Aviv in the basketball league, had the experience of playing a home away from home, when they were compelled to go to Kfar Mac to play their match against Haifa, because they had paid their bill at the Yad E Sports Palace, and were on the look for temporary quarters elsewhere.

The strange surroundings cost them the game, but Kaplan, getting 17 of his 22 points in the second half, and As Moscovitz, fighting off the "flu," took the team safely 88-81 victory, after they were pointed down at the half. Jor Dalzel of Haifa led all scorers 28.

Maccabi Tel Aviv, the leaders of the league, looked particularly sharp at Holon, where they whipped their hosts 84-69. C Lou Silver scored 22 points, Mickey Berkowitz 21. Holon, ing without Mike Carter, was able to hold Maccabi's balanced attack. Ofer Yaaco for the "losers" with 18.

Maccabi Kiryat Motzkin, fi desperately to avoid releg gave their coach Shmuel Jac the best birthday present possible the form of a 94-76 victory c tough Afula team. Richard Gentle Giant" Johnson w devastating form for the w canning 31 points and pulling 17 rebounds. Ariel Porat scor for Afula.

Hapoel Tel Aviv took a home court over Upper Galilee 96-87. Lohman scored 20, followed by Lu Mercer 17 and Bracha 15. Maccabi Kiryat Motzkin took a home court over Upper Galilee took the game's honours with 28.

Life looked like a bed of roses for 3 Ramat Gan, when they led Hapoel Tel Aviv at the half. But the Tel Avivians shot Ramat Gan down by scoring eight more points immediately after the interval, then on it was nip-and-tuck. Betar's man-o-war, defence youth champion, Maccabi's highest-scoring jumper, who was limited to 22 points in the victory, 70-69. Daryl Robinson and George Berry 18 for the winners. Be have hopes of making the playoffs.

Jamie Terry scored 22 points in a scoring honours for the night as his team cabi Haifa, held off a second-half by Maccabi Kiryat Motzkin to gain an 81-76 Jackie "the Franchise" Robertson was named MVP.

There is a break in league until January 15.

Run round the k

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Correspondent

EIN GEV. — A record 650 athletes from more than a dozen countries are to line up here at 9 a.m. for the seventh Sea of Galilee International Marathon from the kib here to Tiberias and back. Ne 200 of the participants have c from abroad, the Israel Am Athletic Association's chair, Arie Slotzky said yesterday.

Defending his veterans' ova marathon title is Barry Shaw of butz Mishmar Hasharon, who won all 15 long-distance middle-distance events in which has competed since turning 40 months ago. Making her debut was Shaw's daughter, Sharon, 15.

In addition to the race over full 42.195 kms., there will be a "fun run" for all ages scheduled to start 30 minutes after the main event.

Oxford humble United

OXFORD (Reuters). — Oxford city more noted for its University than its football club, taught Manchester United a soccer lesson here on Monday night to graduate to the quarter-finals of the League Cup.

Oxford, the Third Division leaders, fully deserved their place last night as an extra-time winner saw them to a 2-1 victory after a 59-minute examination by the masters from Manchester, as their third game, Arthur Graham and George Lawrence scored normal time for Manchester Oxford.

In the 14th minute of extra-time substitute Steve Higgins looper header into the net.

Oxford enjoyed record receipts from today's match, with a quarter-million fans flocking to the stadium.

In Budapest, a further 74 players, including two from a First Division club, have suspended for involvement in Hungary's 1982 football scandal, the Hungarian Football Association announced here yesterday.

The new list of suspensions brings the number of players punished for involvement in the scandal to 234. The two First Division players named today were Zoltan Kics and Am Cseregi.

Cowboys cowed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — Keweenaw Lawrence Piffers collaborated on a first-division in the opening minutes of a game up the first of four Texas Rangers games by 1 Montana, as the San Francisco Giants beat Dallas Cowboys 42-17 in the only National Football League game on Monday night.

By winning, the 49ers finished the regular season 10-6, claimed the NFC West title, and out the Los Angeles Rams, 9-7. The Rams were relegated to wild card status and will play Cowboys, 12-4, next Monday at Texas Stadium.

Rimet Cup stolen

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP). — The Joao Cup, awarded to Brazil after it won the World Cup Championship in Mexico last year, was stolen on Monday night from the headquarters of the Brazil Soccer Federation, the police have reported. The trophy, of gold, weighs about three kilograms.

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Context

Headache for immigrants

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVERAGE new immigrant likely to agree with him, but according to Asher Weiner, the director-general of the Housing Ministry, the problem is largely psychological. Any immigrant who moves to temporary rental housing, he says, will never get government help for permanent housing. "Immigrants, continues Weiner, are influenced by the lack of permanent employment."

At the main reason, says the director-general, is that immigrants tend to stay in temporary rental housing, they will eventually be to government apartments, rent \$15 a month and with an option to buy. A "few hundred" of Amidar apartments are allocated only to the "most difficult" of immigrants who cannot afford to buy flats on the private market, Weiner says.

Weiner, who has been with the ministry for eight years, denies that size of government mortgages is a reason for the overcrowding in centres. An immigrant family is allocated to a partly linked and partly linked housing loan of \$32,000 for a three-room apartment in Jerusalem, and up to \$37,000 in permanent-preferred areas like Tel Aviv.

Weiner says that according to government statistics the "average" three-room flat in Jerusalem sells for some \$42,000 and thus the immigrant's problem is not great. Most Western immigrants live in neighbourhoods where rents cost much more, he says, but the government is not trying to subsidize the purchase of private apartments.

For years, Amidar apartments have been plentiful supply, although they were located in outlying areas. Western immigrants either were unable to live or were unable to find a flat. "For political reasons, no minister of housing was able to increase the rents above the \$15 a month figure," says Weiner, and flats put a considerable financial burden on the government.

In addition, maintains the director-general, such massive subsidization created a dependence between the immigrant population and the government. Imagine two people working in the same office — one an immigrant and the other a veteran Israeli — both earning the same salary. One pays a month rent for his government apartment while the other pays \$100 a month for his mortgage on a flat in a private building.

Absorption centres around the country are today more crowded than they have been for more than 10 years. A total of 84 per cent of beds in all temporary housing facilities for immigrants are occupied. Of 10,150 beds in absorption centres (mainly for olim families), 18 are occupied (the rest are held for immigrants scheduled to arrive during the coming

months). In the beginning of this year, the occupancy rate in absorption centres was less than 74 per cent.

To induce olim to leave the centres, the Housing Ministry recently instituted considerable rental aid to olim who found flats on the private market. During the first year, the ministry will pay 75 per cent of the rent for an olim family up to a maximum support of \$150 a month. The subsidy decreases to 60 per cent in the second year and 33 per cent in the third.

Despite the common belief that one can rent apartments for only a year or so, Weiner says that statistics show the average rental lasts for four to five years, with contracts renewed after each year. Thus the immigrant can stay in these temporary rental flats until he is established professionally and financially on his feet.

But Weiner emphasizes that immigrants who have no means are referred to government flats, where they may live for the rest of their lives, paying a small rent, with an option to buy.

The director-general insists that as every immigrant has different means and circumstances, they cannot all be given the same opportunities for housing.

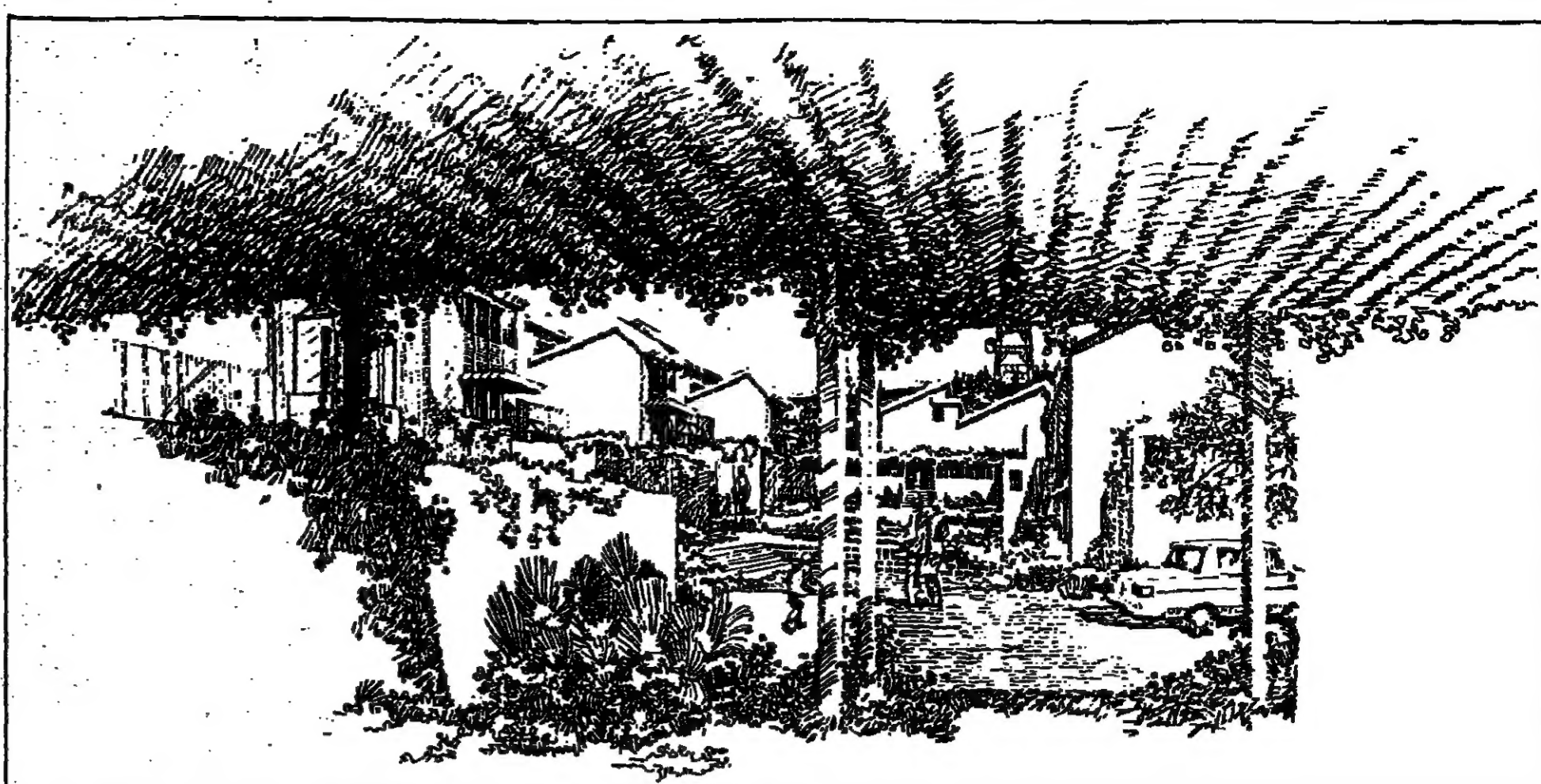
The new rental aid system has reduced bureaucracy. An eligible olim merely has to produce his immigrant documents and a rental contract. Payment is made in advance through any bank that he wishes. The red tape involving mortgages has also been cut, as the immigrant can choose what mortgage bank to patronize (in the past, he was told which bank he was assigned to) according to his office hours and services. "The banks treat olim very nicely," says Weiner. "The competition improves their service."

WEINER REJECTS the claim by his opposite number in the Absorption Ministry, Eli Artzi, that the Housing Ministry produced a "secret document" (now supposedly in Artzi's possession) listing 2,700 government flats "meant for olim" that the "Housing Ministry is holding empty and unused."

"It simply isn't true. We have only a small number of empty flats for olim," Weiner states.

As for single immigrants, Weiner has little good news. For years, they have been entitled to much smaller mortgages and rental aid from the government, and since they comprise a large portion of Western olim, they have recently been organizing to press for more help.

"We have limited resources," says Weiner. "We have to set priorities." He says that more help will be given to unmarried immigrants, but it will not be considerable. "We cannot give them three-room government flats, and the district planning committees do not allow the construction of one- or one-and-a-half-room flats in many areas."



Award-winning design by Arie Rahamimoff for climatically adapted project in Mitzpe Ramon.

Learning from the Nabateans

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE RUINS of the ancient Nabatean town of Shivta in the Negev hold a secret of desert town building that modern planners have failed to discern, says Jerusalem architect Arie Rahamimoff. His proposal for applying the Shivta principle to a project in Mitzpe Ramon 50km. away has been chosen by the Emergency and Housing Ministries as the winning design among 30 entries in a contest aimed at eliciting energy-saving and climatically suitable planning for the high desert.

The Shivta principle — followed as well by other "primitive" cultures like that of the Pueblo Indians — takes note of the sun's trajectories in summer and winter and of wind direction. The ruins uncovered by the archaeologists show clusters of housing built around ar-

caded courtyards, the principle rooms facing south.

This orientation, notes Rahamimoff, permits the low-lying winter sun — which rises no higher than 36 degrees above the horizon — to penetrate the rooms and provide warmth for the maximum number of hours. At the same time, the arcade shades the rooms from the higher summer sun, which beats down more from the west than the south.

The streets of the Nabatean settlements, which thrived in the Negev from the Second Century BCE to the 6th Century CE, are constructed so as to provide protec-

tion from sun and glare.

In Mitzpe Ramon and other modern Negev towns, says Rahamimoff, most construction till now has taken little note of climatic conditions — standard apartment blocks being thrown up in varying orientations. "Do you see how small these south-facing windows are?" he asks, pointing to a photograph of an attractive new apartment house in Mitzpe Ramon. "They should be large to catch the sun." West-facing rooms in these projects, he notes, get strong sunlight in summer and none in winter, and also are exposed to the winds that sweep in every day at 10-15 knots across the desert.

THE 100 units in the project Rahamimoff designed, including cottages and two- and three-story buildings, are all oriented to the south with large windows to receive the winter sun. "Mitzpe Ramon is one of the coldest places in the country," notes Rahamimoff. "It's 850 metres above sea level and that's higher than Jerusalem. People think of the desert only as a hot place."

To hold the sun's warmth, glass-enclosed "solar balconies" to project the south, increasing house temperature by four or five degrees. In warm weather, the balconies are opened.

The houses are carefully spaced so that none falls into the shadow of another, not even when shadows are longest. Bedrooms and living rooms are located on the southern sides of the houses with kitchens and bathrooms relegated to the north.

Paths between the houses do not run east-west since they would be deprived of winter sun. Protection against the high summer sun is provided by pergolas above walkways.

"Until today, we haven't properly learned the lessons of the Nabateans," says the Jerusalem architect, who in the past has served as head of the desert architecture unit of the Institute of Desert Research at Sde Boker. "The archaeologists have learned, but not the architects."

An intense attraction

By HAIM SHAPIRO/Jerusalem Post Reporter

director of tourist services in the administration. "We wanted to hold the festival in the two large cities." Stressing that she could not speak for her country's foreign ministry, she did note that culturally the two countries had a great deal in common.

It was this common cultural link that led the Spaniards to think of Israel. Although they are happy with the 30 million tourists each

year who came to lie on their beaches, they are keen to encourage more visitors who come out of a desire to know more about the Spanish people and culture.

In fact, earlier this week another official of the tourism administration, Francisco Gadea Ojeda, told *The Jerusalem Post* that of the 30 million, only one million come to see Spain, rather than enjoy its climate and beaches.

Thus, in addition to bringing a team of chefs, a Flamenco group and a troupe of student troubadours, they also brought an exhibition of photographs of Jewish sites in Spain.

The desire to develop cultural tourism as well as what she called "ecological tourism" — visits to the country's natural wonders — was very much a product of the present government and its outlook, Gon-

zalez said. In fact, she added, she personally had already instituted a special course on the history of the Jews in Spain for tour guides.

Naturally, when Israelis talk to official visitors from Spain they are primarily concerned with the question of when the two countries will establish diplomatic relations. The Spaniards, for their part, cite with evident regret their dependence on Arab oil and their fears of a boycott if they initiate such a move.

But even the absence of official ties cannot hide the great sympathy that comes to the fore when the two peoples talk. Coming from two ends of the Mediterranean they seem to have an intense attraction for each other.

Ties with Japan

By DAVID LANDAU/Post Diplomatic Correspondent

JAPAN'S RELATIONS with Israel, traditionally low-key and hesitant, are steadily intensifying. The "rising tide of Japanese interest in Israel" is part of Japan's general movement towards a more active and assertive role in international affairs "commensurate with its economic attributes."

This is the assessment of Ambassador Harunori Kaya, who recently completed a two-year term in Israel and has become his country's ambassador to Denmark. Tokyo's new envoy here is Shozo Kadota.

In an interview summing up his tour of duty here, Kaya spoke of "a growing awareness in Japan of the realities in this region."

"We are sympathetic to the security of Israel," he said. "But we have sizable reservations over Israeli policies on the West Bank and other matters."

The political high-point of Kaya's tour here was the visit last summer of his deputy foreign minister, Toshiji Nakajima. He was the most senior Japanese official ever to have come to Israel, and was received by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The visit was seen as reflecting Japan's satisfaction at the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt and the withdrawal agreement between Israel and Lebanon. There were "very good and very frank" talks between Nakajima and Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche, Kaya recalled.

IN THE cultural field, Kaya said, there has been "veritably epoch-

making" progress. The Tokyo Opera Troupe took part in the 1982 Israel Festival. A top dance company performed here with much success in summer 1983. And the Israel Philharmonic's tour of Japan earlier in the year was a resounding triumph. More recently a Hebrew calligraphy exhibition was sent over to Tokyo.

Israeli exports to Japan dropped slightly in 1982 — to \$193 million. But that was still a healthy figure, and, Kaya said, it was "impressive" that Israel was "trying hard to diversify beyond diamonds."

Imports showed a marked rise in 1982, and presumably through much of 1983 too, until the economic measures began to bite. The 1982 figure was \$186 million — 46 per cent up on 1981. Most of the imports were cars and high-technology consumer items. But Kaya said he hoped Japan, too, would seek to diversify and sell to Israel more industrial equipment.

He conceded that the Arab Boycott is "still a factor, still unfavourable to both sides." But he argued that it is simplistic to blame just the boycott for many Japanese companies' failure to do business with Israel. "There is the objective difference of the size of the markets. The Arab market is so enormous... It's just basic economics."

On a personal note, Kaya said his time here was "very pleasant and unforgettable." He spoke of the "open-mindedness and open friendship of the Israeli people — in government, and in journalistic and academic circles — the opportunity for free discussion without bias and free exchange of opinions."

Living Japanese-style in Israel was difficult, the envoy admitted. But he praised a Japanese restaurant recently opened in a leading Jerusalem hotel, observing that "Japanese is a very kosher type of cuisine."

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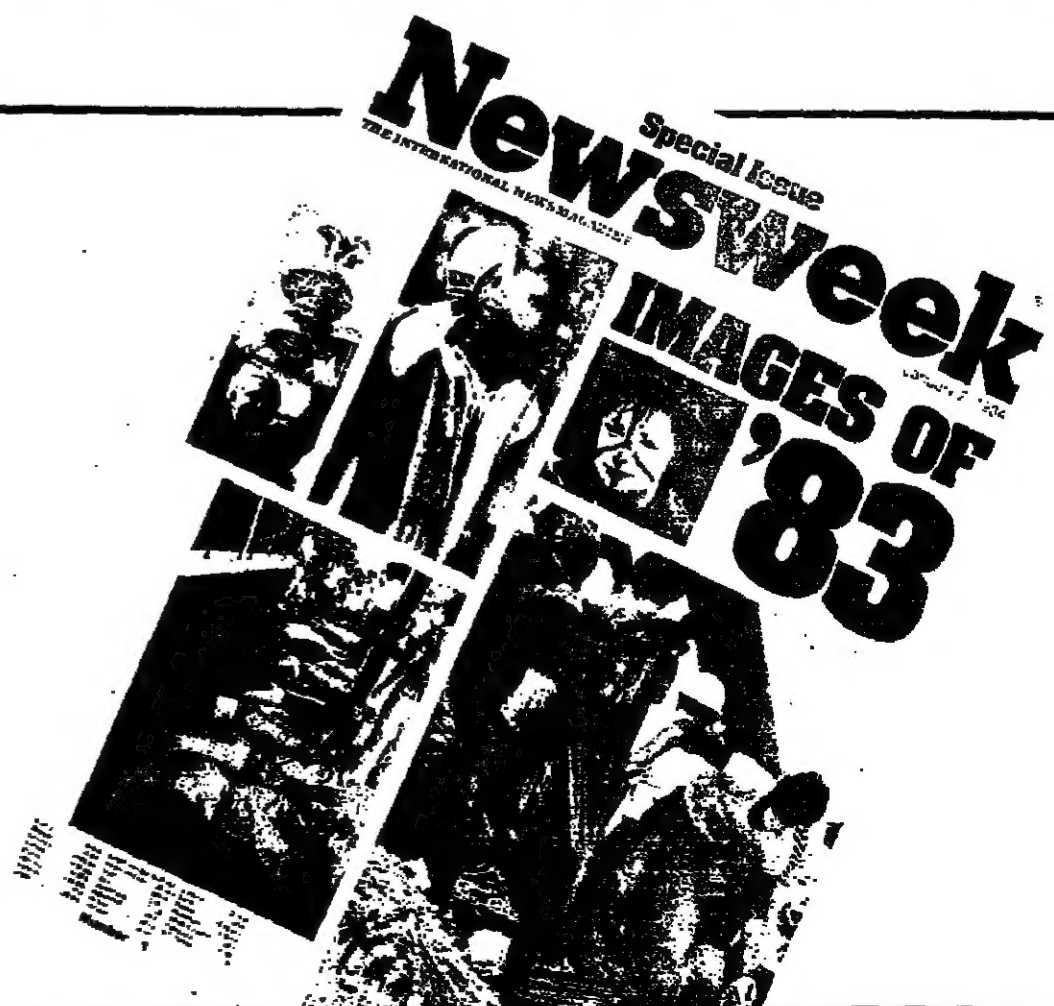
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End-of-season sales start unusually early Lack of ready cash may force merchants to lay off staff

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Storekeepers will launch their end-of-season sales on January 1, 1984 in an effort to increase their cash flow, Yossie Shostak, of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, said yesterday.

"This is the first time that the sales have started so early — and this shows the desperate situation merchants are facing," As a rule, he noted, the sales start in late winter or early spring, "with the previous earliest date being February 1."

The lack of ready cash, Shostak said, was due to several factors, each of which alone was serious. "But taken together, they create a desperate situation."

The first factor was that the merchants were hard put to raise the 17.9 per cent needed for the salary advances (on account of the cost-of-living allowance) to be paid next Sunday. "Sales have dropped over the past months by 40 to 60 per cent in many retail stores," Shostak said, adding that "many merchants will probably try to postpone paying the advance."

Others will pay it — but will fire a few members of their staff to raise the money," He thought that the number of merchants who couldn't pay would run into several scores and that several hundred employees would be laid off.

The second main reason for the money squeeze was the situation in the ports. Literally thousands of containers with imports are tied up in the ports, some even in Larnaca (Cyprus) and others in Piraeus (Greece). Other thousands of containers with exports (the federation has a large export department) which were meant for the Christmas season in Europe are also held up. "Not only that these goods won't arrive in time — it is well nigh impossible now, even if they are shipped out immediately — but after they arrive in a few weeks they will probably be warehoused, and not sold," Shostak said bitterly.

Another aggravating factor is that on January 2, 1984 the banks will charge for the overdrafts the merchants have run up over the past three months. The payment of interest will make a huge hole in their accounts.

And finally, the clerks in the Ministry of Defence, which are applying sanctions against their employer, are delaying payments to suppliers as a means of bringing pressure on the ministry.

"We are not a party in this dispute; yet we are the chief sufferers. The ministry ordered these goods, and its failure to pay for them on time is forcing many of our members to run to the banks to try to raise loans," Shostak said.

Exchange raised 58% less money this year than in 1982

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The total amount of money raised on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange by new firms in all of 1983 — is approximately equal to the amount raised in one month of 1982 — December.

This is one of the findings of Meitav, a financial consultancy firm, in its survey of funds raised by floating issues by new firms in the past few years. Meitav also notes that on an annual basis, the total amount raised in 1983 was 58.4 per cent less in dollar terms than in the previous year.

Moreover, while 47 companies floated issues in 1983, there were 78 in 1982. There were only 24 in 1981, ten in 1980 and three in 1979. The biggest issue this year was for \$13.3 million, by Drucker.

As for actual funds, \$115.6m. was raised in 1983, compared to \$27.9m. in 1982. But the situation looks even blacker if a comparison is made by three-month periods or

by quarters. While in 1982 each quarter showed more money being raised, in 1983 each quarter saw less money being raised.

For example, in the first quarter of 1983 some 22 firms raised \$59m.; in the second quarter, 12 companies raised \$25.4m.; in the third quarter, there were only nine companies, raising \$24.3m., while in the last quarter (October through December), only four companies floated issues for a total of \$6.9m.

However, in both 1982 and 1983, industrial companies raised the most money — 42.5 per cent of the total in 1982 and 39.2 per cent in 1983. In 1982 land development and banks (each of which groups raised 15.2 per cent of the total) were second in importance. In 1983 land development companies raised 26.7 per cent of the total, while banks did not raise anything. The third in importance in 1982 (with 10.7 per cent) was the trade and utilities group, and it was also third in 1983, with 14.4 per cent.

Exporters appeal to gov't and Histadrut on ports strike

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Manufacturers Association yesterday placed "full responsibility" on the Ports Authority for the losses caused by the slow-down strike in the ports. The association members, who met in an emergency session with representatives of the Ports Authority, the Ministry of Transport and of Industry and Trade, demanded that the authorities "take immediate steps to stop the intolerable situation." They said they were losing markets and could not obtain raw materials due to a dispute between the Ports Authority and its workers — "for which we are in no way responsible yet are being forced to pay the price."

The industrial exporters also demanded that the government set up a fund to help finance the immediate shipping by air of "critical items." This fund would aid the industrial exporters in cutting their losses. They also demanded that raw materials in the ports "being

held as ransom by the workers" be released immediately. Otherwise, they said, some plants would be forced to slow down or even stop certain production lines.

The exporters also announced that they would not pay any additional levies imposed on them due to the strike. All levies, such as one for demurrage, should be paid by the Ports Authority.

The Manufacturers Association also decided to arrange for a meeting with Yehoram Meshel and Israel Kassar, secretary-general and deputy-secretary-general of the Histadrut, to convince them of the seriousness of the situation.

The president of the Farmers Federation, Eliahu Izakson, yesterday cabled Meshel demanding that the Histadrut intervene in the ports strike. "Our failure to meet export commitments is not only costing us millions of dollars, but also badly damaging our reputation," he wrote. He noted that there was also another type of damage: psychological. "Farmers who see a year's work rotting away suffer psychological effects."

SOLAR PLANT

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Both Tabor and Bronicki paid tribute yesterday at the signing ceremony to the father of the solar

pond concept, 81-year-old Prof. Rudolph Bloch, who attended the ceremony in a wheelchair.

Tabor demonstrated the practical validity of the concept in a solar pool built at the Dead Sea in the late 1950s, but cheap oil supplies pushed the idea off the national agenda until 1974, when Tabor conceived the Ein Boker project.

The Ein Boker and Beit Ha'arava plants were both built with grants from the Energy Ministry, which provided 75 per cent of the \$20m. cost of the latter.

Edison signed a contract last month with Luz Industries of Jerusalem to build a 13.8 megawatt solar-energy plant based on parabolic reflectors. Edison senior vice president Dr. Lawrence Papay, who represented the company at the signing yesterday, said that the power generated by the California solar-pond project is expected to cost 10 cents per kilowatt hour. This is several cents more than power produced by conventional thermal plants. Although the economic viability of the plant would be "marginal," it would reduce reliance on thermal power plants to meet peak demand, he said.

Leumi pays higher interest on some deposits

TEL AVIV. — Bank Leumi yesterday announced that it was increasing the interest it pays on certificates of deposit (sufa) by a minimum of 20 per cent and a maximum of 40 per cent, effective immediately.

The bank spokesman said that the step was being taken in compensation for the decision this week to raise the interest on over-drafts and loans, which will take effect on January 2, 1984, pending approval by the Bank of Israel.

Your money and your questions

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

QUESTION — Can you clarify the various options available in connection with the bank shares which are part of the Treasury guarantee?

ANSWER — In view of the many readers' letters concerning bank shares I will cover the various aspects of the matter.

In October 1983 an agreement was signed between the government and five bank groups whereby the State would purchase at the end of five years, on October 31, 1986, those shares included in the agreement at their price on October 6, 1983 linked to the dollar/shekel value at that date, namely IS 65,219.7/\$1.00. There would also be a premium of four per cent over the base price.

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Holders of bank shares whose nominal value on October 6, 1983 was the equivalent of IS500,000, who have not sold them, may avail themselves of two additional options.

They may place on deposit the equivalent of IS500,000 of each or a

combination of the shares in each group, up to a maximum of IS500,000 for each individual. If the investor has sufficient shares in all five groups, a maximum totalling IS2,500,000 per individual may be placed on deposit, which cannot be touched for a minimum of four years. At the end of the four-year period the holder may sell his shares at a rate of 112 per cent of the October 6, 1983 value fully linked to the dollar exchange rate on October 6, 1983, namely IS65,219.7 — \$1.00. In the alternative, he may retain these shares and hold or sell them without any further restrictions.

A similar option is available for a period of six years. At the end of the six years the shares may be sold at a rate of 13 per cent of the October 6, 1983 rates, fully linked to the dollar exchange rate of the shekel at that time.

Of course, the shares need not be sold. They may be withdrawn from the special deposit account and kept or sold at the owner's discretion without any further restrictions.

Awaiting a final decision is a special arrangement to be made available to pensioners, women who reach the age of 60 and men who are 65 by January 20, 1984. These individuals will be allowed to place their bank shares, in the maximum amounts described above for a period of two years. At the end of the two years they can sell their shares for a value which is 106 per cent of the October 6, 1983 value and fully linked to the dollar rate of exchange.

For pensioners and at current rates for these shares this means an approximate net yield per year of 53 per cent, in addition to linkage differentials.

Holders of shares on deposit for four years would be receiving an annual yield of about 25 per cent in addition to linkage differentials.

Holders for six years would have investment whose yield to them would be 19 per cent in addition to the linkage.

For the purpose of understate the offer somewhat better, a portfolio of these bank shares listed below, at October 6, values.

Nominal	Share	M. value
25,471	Leumi	IS 15
10,996	LDB ord.	IS 15
26,723	Mizrahi r	IS 15
6,333	General	IS 15
16,186	Hapoalim r	IS 15

The total market value of a portfolio as of October 6, 1983 IS2,500,000, or \$38,330.

Several days ago I priced a recent portfolio on the basis of a recent stock exchange prices and recent dollar exchange rates, value of the portfolio stood at IS1,898,467 or \$18,254, as compared with IS2,500,000 and \$38,330 on October 6, 1983.

The final decision whether to continue holding on to bank shares whether to sell them at a price, or whether to place the deposit is not as simple as the figures indicate.

Many questions come to mind. Not the least of them is an evaluation of the worth of the government guarantee. The question whether the Treasury will be able to live up to a financial obligation, such magnitude.

If one places the share deposit with a view of "free one's holding for a period of six years, one must be certain one can do without the use of these funds.

In any case, whatever the decision regarding the placing of a special deposit, it must be carried out at the bank January 20, 1984.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.15 Citizenship 8.40 Elementary School
Liturgy 9.00 English 9.20 Spoken
Arabic 9.35 Special Education 10.15
English 10.30 Pretty Butterfly 11.00
Science 11.20 English 11.40
Literature 11.50 English 12.30
English 13.00 Science 13.15 English
9.15.00 Cartoon about Spain in the Middle
Ages 15.25 Choreographer Kenneth Mac
Millan 16.25 Sunsum Street 17.00 A New
Evening — live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Sunday
18.00 Two Together — bi-weekly quiz in-
troduced by Seff Rivlin
ARABIC-LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:
18.30 News roundup
18.35 The Land of Dolls
18.45 Inventions and Innovations
19.00 Between Citizens and State
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at
20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Tili Pop — pop and entertainment
magazine
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.30 Moked
22.05 Contract. Martin Ritz's 1974 film
stars Jon Voight and Paul Winfield
23.45 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.40 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.30
(JTV 3) That's Incredible 19.00 News in
French 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News
in Arabic 20.30 Three Company 21.10
Documentary 22.00 News in English 22.15
Hill Street Blues

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music
6.02 Musical Clock
7.07 Romantic La scale di setta; overture
(Ahabado); Borodine; Dances from
Salzedor; (Chicago, Ozawa); Sibelius; The
Oceanides (Bournemouth, Berglund);
Rimsky-Korsakov; Capriccio Espagnole
(Ormandy); Mozart; String Quintet, K.515
(Academy); Rossini; The Thieving Magpie,
overture (Los Angeles, Maiti);
Schumann; Symphony No.4 (Philhar-
monia, Inbal); Tchaikovsky; Violin
Concerto (Yvonne, Yaron); Bartok; Suite
No.1, Op.3 (Detroit, Detroit); Rossini; The
Barber of Seville, overture; Beethoven;
Trio, Op.70, No.2 (Beaux Arts);
Shostakovich; Symphony No.5 (Jerusalem
Symphony, Yari Aharonovich)
12.00 Words by Willard, Villa-Lobos,
Albeniz, Turina, Iber, Casella and
Scriabin
13.05 Music for Ballet and the Stage
15.00 The History of Music
15.30 Youth Programme
16.00 In Memory of Arthur Rubinstein
17.00 Rubinstein Memorial Concert —
the Tel Aviv String Quartet, with Paiva
Salzedor; Offertory and Concerto, 9.15;
Schubert; String Quintet in C major;
19.05 Haydn; String Quartet, Op. No.3
(Academy); L. Bernstein; Serenade for
Violin and Horn; Grieg; Grieg; Grieg;
Jerusalem Symphony, 7.15, 9.30; Dile-
na; Musica Viva — (Gyorgy Ligeti;
Tunes for Orchestra (London Sinfonietta,
David Atherton) — will be played twice
20.30 Jamboree: From the House of the

Dead (Vienna Philharmonic, Sir Charles Mackerras)
23.00 Schubert: Piano Sonata in B minor
D.959
00.10 Music with a Difference

First Programme

6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Light Classical Music — Works
Offenbach, Saint-Saens, Beethoven, and
others
9.30 Programmes in Easy Hebrew
10.05 Encounter — live family and soc-
ial affairs magazine
11.10 Elementary School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for all
12.05 Folklore Magazine
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.05 Children's programmes
15.30 News on a New Book
16.05 Beautiful Land (repeat)
17.20 Jewish Identities
17.30 University
18.05 Afternoon Classics
18.47 Bible Reading — Chronicle
33:1-9
19.05 Encounter in Hebrew
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 Literary Magazine
23.05 Between Ourselves — five talk show

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial Review
6.55 Children's news magazine
7.00 This Morning — with Rivka Michaeli
10.10 All Shades of the Network — morning
magazine
12.05 Open Line — news and music
13.00 Midday — news commentary, music
14.00 Matters of Interest — with Gabi
Gadi
16.10 Safe Journey
17.10 Economics Magazine
17.30 Of Men and Figures — economics
magazine
18.05 Press Conference
18.45 Today in Sport
19.05 Today in News
19.30 The Middle East
20.05 Times
21.15 A Song for the Road
22.05 Songs from films and musicals
23.05 Quiz — with Shmuel Rosenn

Army

6.06 Morning Sounds
6.30 University on the Air
7.07 "707"
8.05 Morning Newsreel
9.00 Right Now — with Michael
Handelshtat
11.05 Israeli Winter — with Eli Yaron
13.00 Two Hours
15.05 What's Wrong? — With Eyal Tzvi
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.05 Evening Newsreel
18.05 IDF Magazine
19.05 Music Today — music magazine
20.05 Foreign Language Hit Parade
21.00 Mabat — TV Newsreel
21.35 University on the Air (repeat)
18.05 Popular songs
23.05 Target — surrealism
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with
Shimon Arzi

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: New York Nights; Edison: Revenge
of the Ninja; Hahadot: Trading Places 4,
6.45, 9; Kfir: Short Romance; Mitchell:
Heat and Dust 7, 9; Orion: Kramer vs.
Kramer; Orion: Monty Python and the
Holy Grail 9; Ron: The Long Friday;
Savoy: Officer and Gentleman 7, 9.15;
Diyemal: It's a Hard Day's Night
7, 9; Cinema One: Shogun 6.45; Dina 9.15;
Cinepatheque: Depressa Depressa 7;
A Soldier's Father 7.30 (small hall); hunger
9.30; Israel Museum: Heidi 3.30.

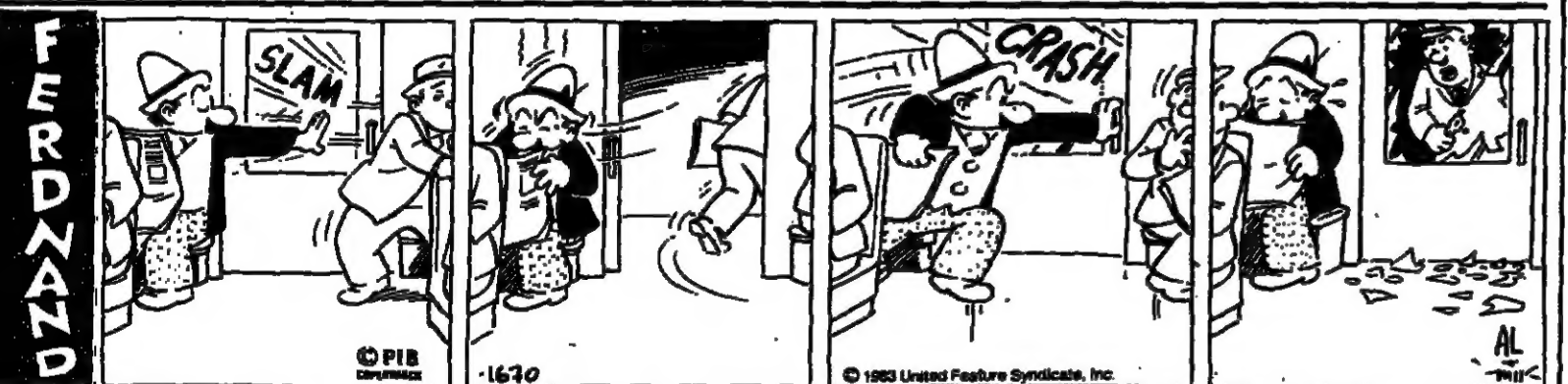
TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Alhambra: Revenge of the Ninja; Ben-
Yehuda: Lone Wolf Macquade; Cinema 1:
Trading Places 4.30, 7, 9.30; Cinema 2: Of-
ficer and Gentleman 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Cin-
ema 3: The Wonderful Land 4.30; Cinema 4:
Blue Thunder 4.30, 7, 9.30; Cinema 5: Can-
nery Row 4.30, 7.05, 9.30; Bantana, Sun,
10.30, 1.30; Cinema 6: Psycho II 4.30, 7.05,
9.30; Koller Hall 10.30, 1.30; Cinema One:
Hercules the Hero; Cinema One: Coup de
Foudre; Dated: Gabriela 7.15, 9.30; Dile-
na: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 9.30;
Secret of Nin 5.30; Grease II, 7.15; Sea-
Elm, midnight; Esther: Harry Tracy; Gaz:
I Love You Carman; Gordon: Cutter's
Way 7.30, 9.30; 9.40 Heidi; Baby Love
4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Lev E. Money Python, The
Meaning of Life 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Lev

HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9
Amphitheatre: Midnight Express; Armon:
Concrete Jungle; Armon: Coup de
Foudre; Cinema Flash Dance; Mitchell:
Class 6.45, 9; Orion: Le Chok des Amers;
Orion: Flaming Desire, 6 nonstop; Orion:
Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence 6.45, 9;
Parr: My Favourite Year; Ron: Up Your
Anchor 4, 6.45, 9; Shviti: To Begin Again
6.45, 9

RAMAT GAN
Armon: I Love You Carman 7, 9.30; Di-
mond Peddlers 4; Lili: Young Frankens-
tein 7.15, 9.30; Orion: Trading Places 4, 7,
9.30; Orion: Baby Love 7.15, 9.30; Ramat
Gan: Max Dugan Returns 7.15, 9.30

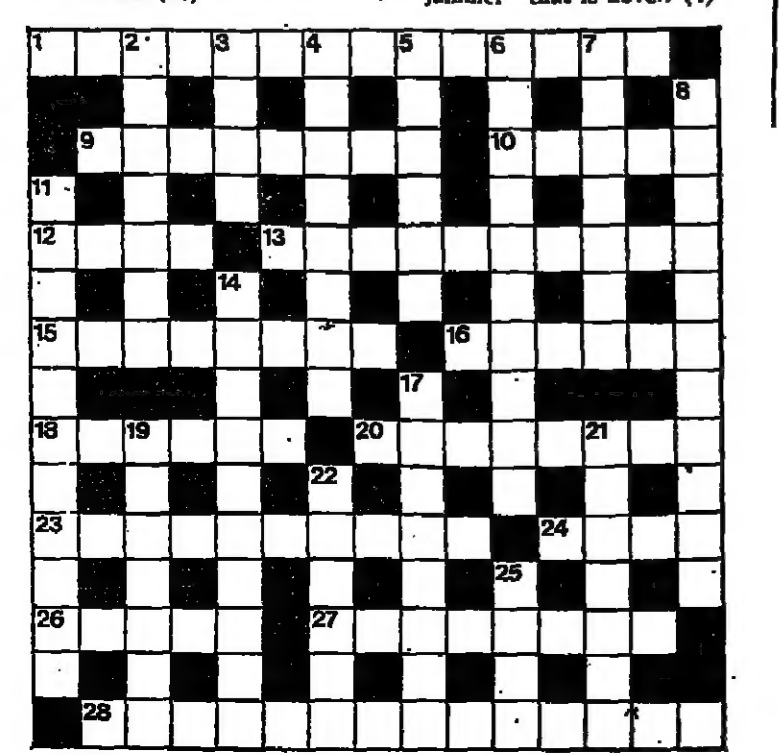
HERZLIYA
David: Le Chok des Amers 7.15, 9.15;
Tiffani: War Games 7.15, 9.15

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David: Trading Places 7.15, 9.30; Sh-
4.30; Savoy: Tempest 9.30; Crawl 4.30



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

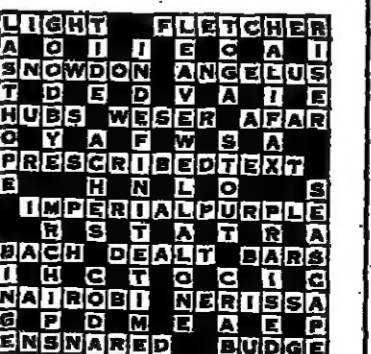
- ACROSS**
- 1 Usual habitat of philatelists? (8)
 - 9 Spaniel for a May-queen? (8)
 - 10 Yendency of old penny to chink (5)
 - 12 State of gloom as judgment is reversed (4)
 - 13 Tone-strain perhaps — that describes the loud-speaker (10)
 - 15 First transalpine jumbo-pilot? (8)
 - 16 Saws these days take a very long time (6)
 - 18 Belt round the world — something to talk about around Rocky Head (6)
 - 20 Spiteful six waste away (8)
 - 23 Very old man — what makes me so healthy in retirement? (10)
 - 24 Changing money for silver at No. 10 (4)
 - 26 I complain about Ruth's mother-in-law (5)
 - 27 I am put down by Tom in tame acts of revolution (4-4)
 - 28 Sees Lester — chap going round but not on these mounts! (14)
- DOWN**
- 2 Blower used only for off-peak calls? (7)
 - 4 Exact Peterhead border (4)
 - 4 Sleeping attire needs patching badly (8)
 - 5 It is used for shooting down the M17 (6)
 - 6 Empty bottle of Napoleon, perhaps (3, 7)
 - 7 Not feeling well on first of November, having chest closed up? (7)
 - 8 What is distance from board-house to sea? Short — Weston version (6-5)
 - 11 Speed of nasal decongestant (11)
 - 14 Contracted to be Hal in Henry IV, for example (10)
 - 17... performed Act 1 to first of critics — instructive! (8)
 - 19 Settlement a long way off? (7)
 - 21 Blankless type, tearing off (7)
 - 23 HB, the common writer (5)
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A Baghdad connection

THE SURPRISE visit by U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld to Baghdad earlier this week is noteworthy on two counts.

For one thing, it is the first time a senior American official has visited the Iraqi capital since the Iraqis severed diplomatic relations with Washington following the Six Day War, 17 years ago. Secondly, it seems to represent a departure from the main drift of Mr. Rumsfeld's mission so far, which has been to promote a settlement in Lebanon and to reassure American allies in the region regarding Washington's latest strategic cooperation accord with Israel.

Iraq, bogged down in its war with Iran, has not been a party to the Lebanon issue, and whatever opinion it might have on the U.S.-Israel relationship cannot be of any great interest to the Americans, given the state of U.S.-Iraqi ties.

The immediate reason for Mr. Rumsfeld's visit to Baghdad, it would seem, is the recent series of devastating bomb attacks on American targets in Lebanon and Kuwait. Washington has made it plain that it views these acts as having their immediate inspiration, and perhaps more, in Iran — and while it has been careful officially to take a neutral position on the Gulf war to date, it may now have decided that any escalation in Khomeini-initiated anti-American violence in the region could result in a review of this position, causing it to throw its support behind Iraq.

At the same time, however, America may be seeking a counterweight in Baathist Iraq to the neighbouring, but none too friendly, Baath regime in Syria, which has apparently been colluding in the Shi'ite suicide bombing attacks, at least in Lebanon.

In a larger sense, Mr. Rumsfeld's visit to the Iraqi capital plainly fits in well with the ongoing rapprochement between Iraq and America's traditional allies in the region — Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. The Gulf war has tended to draw Iraq out of the circle of radical confrontation states against Israel, and into the circle of these pro-American Arab states that feel most threatened by the spread of Khomeinism.

This process has been accompanied by a discreet American effort to improve ties with Iraq. This effort included a meeting at the UN last September between U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tarek Aziz.

In Jerusalem, this development is apt to be viewed with a measure of scepticism mixed with apprehension. It is clear enough that Iraq today would benefit from America's backing, but whether its warming up towards the U.S. suggests an actual turnaround in political orientation, especially with regard to the issue of peace with Israel, is open to question. Since 1948, Iraq's hostility to Israel has been notorious, and uncompromising. It is for this reason that Iraq's acquisition of nuclear weapons was seen as a deadly threat to this country.

A few months ago, it is true, Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein indicated, in a conversation with a visiting U.S. Congressman, that he was inclined to accept that Israelis were entitled to statehood and even security. But whether this meant the abandonment of a settled anti-Israeli policy and not merely a gesture of goodwill aimed at the U.S. in the context of the Gulf war remains to be seen. If normal ties between Washington and Baghdad are to involve the supply of American arms to Iraq, it would be cause for positive worry in Israel.

Yet even with all such reservations, a blanket disapproval of closer American-Iraqi ties would be an act of foolhardiness. The further drawing of Iraq into the group of pro-American states prepared to contemplate some form of political accommodation with Israel, and an increase in America's moderating influence over one of Israel's most implacable enemies, should be cause for at least qualified satisfaction.

'taint Grupper's land

BECAUSE the ousted director-general of the Israel Lands Administration, Meir Shamir, will not contest his dismissal before the High Court of Justice, the legal propriety of the cabinet's approval of his firing this week will remain unsettled. As an issue in public administration, however, the cabinet's action still deserves to be probed.

The decision was taken by a cabinet majority which held that the new minister of agriculture, Pessah Grupper, was entitled to get rid of a top official with whom he could not personally get along. A cabinet minority held that this would constitute a violation of civil service independence.

Treated in the abstract, the principles adduced by the majority and the minority must be considered weighty and respectable. The practical question is whether Mr. Grupper's actual motive in disposing of Mr. Shamir was not flimsy and arbitrary.

Since the agriculture minister has not deigned to spell out what it was that made it impossible for him to work with Mr. Shamir, recourse must be had to published rumour. According to one report Mr. Grupper simply could not abide a director-general of the Lands Administration who was not a member of his own party, the Liberals, let alone of his own faction within the Liberal Party, but associated with the Labour Party, though not active in it.

This might have been a good enough reason to separate from his job the director-general of the ministry itself, but not the director-general of the Lands Administration, which the minister does not control directly although he is responsible for it before the Knesset.

According to another report, Mr. Grupper, a firm believer in the virtues of private enterprise, suspected that he could not count on Mr. Shamir's support in the sale of state lands. In this he was absolutely right. Mr. Shamir has himself confirmed that, if ordered by the minister to sell state lands, he would have refused to carry out his orders. His argument, however, was unassailable in its cogency. Basic Law: Israel Lands provides that ownership in these lands is vested permanently in the state and cannot be transferred through sale or in any other way.

Plainly, the philosophy behind this law does not fit in with Mr. Grupper's own views. For his part, the minister could well argue that with some nine-tenths of Israel's area being owned by the Lands Administration, it would be no tragedy if some plots here and there, not in the wastes of the Negev of course but in the northern urban areas, were to be "privatized." But in that case he should initiate legislation in the Knesset to amend the Basic Law.

As matters stand, even a replacement for Mr. Shamir, who fully agreed with Mr. Grupper politically, would find himself on the wrong side of the law if he allowed the sale of state lands. In the meantime, however, another step has been taken in the politicization of Israel's system of public administration.

THE ISRAELI economy is full of surprises. Tremendous shocks rock the economy while we all seem to take it in our stride. First came the crash in the financial markets, after which 40 to 50 per cent of the traded assets went down the drain in 1983. And now, just since October, wages have been eroded to the tune of about one-third (assuming that some 18 per cent compensation is paid out tax free by the end of December, before the cost-of-living allowance, due at the beginning of February, for the period October-December). Price increases of about 50 per cent for that period can now be safely assumed.

If I were a Likud politician I would certainly feel a deep sense of satisfaction. Despite all these grave internal developments, the public has not revolted. It's as if everyone feels guilty over their having lived it up during the period of Yoram Aridor's "correct economics." Maybe the Judeo-Christian belief in guilt and punishment is at work here, although we really should be punishing our political masters instead of ourselves.

Or could it be that the sudden erosion of our wealth and now of our current income has not been fully realized by the public? I feel quite certain that once the public awakens to this new reality then the political pressure will also mount appreciably. Or are the Israeli workers more comparable with a herd of sheep?

IDENTIFYING an enlightened society is easy: just look at the laws it legislates. Whether "good" or "bad," they must be laws people can live with, or else, they only beckon society to violate them.

If Israel wishes to be known as a cultured country, then let it get rid of needless, senseless laws — those that serve no purpose other than to clutter up the court dockets and make law text books heavier.

One such law says that members of certain league basketball teams must be Israeli citizens, as if sports recognize nationality!

It is human nature for people to love sport, and Israelis are no exception. In fact, the Israeli passion for football and basketball is so fierce that the sanctity of the Sabbath is ignored by the many who ride out to the stadiums to watch the games.

In basketball, a tall netman — all

Guilt and punishment

By YITZHAK TAUB

One of the hardest things to understand is how the Histadrut allows itself to acquiesce in the fact that Yigael Cohen-Orgad's economic policy is being executed almost entirely at the expense of the wage earners.

This massive onslaught on the income of the working class has, at best, been countered by weak rhetoric. The lower strata, which most enjoyed the massive subsidies on food and transport, are now paying the heaviest price for the indulgences of the general public. But, strangely enough, the fight for this group has been left to Tami politicians.

Some say that the Histadrut is too tired to put up a fight and that the most they can do is to go through the motions. Others say that the outgoing secretary-general of the Histadrut, Comrade Yehoram Meshel, is too old to take on yet another minister of finance and

would prefer to end his long career on a peaceful note. But this is certainly no consideration for hundreds of thousands of underprivileged workers and pensioners.

Some say that the Histadrut simply has too much to lose in any head-on collision with the government: since the Hevrat Ovdim controls about one-quarter of the economy, it is very vulnerable and can be directly and deliberately hit by the government — and in the place where it hurts the most... the pocket.

If this last argument is valid in Meshel's eyes, then the Histadrut has an inherent organizational contradiction which will serve the labour movement, a contradiction that has been consistently denied since it was established two generations ago. For then it is true that if you do own capital then, willy-nilly, you become some kind of capitalist. This, *ipso facto* is bound to turn

labour at the grassroots against the Histadrut.

If I were to advise the leaders of the Histadrut, I would tell them to stop dragging their feet and make a just demand for a sizeable compensation for past income erosion when the next wage contracts come up in the spring, and to serve notice of this demand right now. Should they fail to do so they will face the "Thirteen Works Committees" and other organized forces outside the Histadrut that are being unleashed by present desperation.

For all of us — workers, employers and government — it is better to have official Histadrut-led pressure and protest for reasonable compensation now than to pay over-compensation to the more privileged groups that are strong enough to disrupt the functioning of the economy.

I already envisage the outraged leader writers complaining about strongmen running the ports, the power plants, etc. Then everyone will bemoan the weakness of the Histadrut leadership. One may safely assume that the present unrest in the ports and the under-the-table perks being handed out at the Electricity Corporation are straws in the wind that should be taken note of before it is too late.

Writing as an economist, I must make it quite clear that a 40 per cent erosion in real wages for a few months can in no way solve our problem, especially not if we are

then over-compensated by political expediency. This probably development, when next elections come around, will cut a few points off real wages. This should be done gradually over a longer period so that it will not cripple the wage earner nor too much unnecessary labour unrest. Wild strokes are bad economic policy.

The economy is best served if it has a strong Histadrut that acts as a counter and that is readied its tired image in favour of strong protest now movement immediate and just compensation rather than a meek organization vitiating outside pressure by eager ministers and an upwards ge from the indignant rank and file.

The astonishing labour movement give rise to a para-revolution situation that cannot be contained unless the current peace is rewarded. Real labour unrest reaches proportions that neither Meshel and company nor the Labour faction could deal with, tainly it could not be contained by anti-labour legislation.

Unrest, every unrest, ill serve community and democracy, should not be provoked. Histadrut weakness and government short-sightedness.

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Sport and the law

By AARON SITTNER

other abilities being equal — is more valuable than his shorter peer. Jews are not among the tallest of people, but the people of the Jewish State love basketball and have established some good teams. These want to vie in international competitions and have sent talent scouts abroad to sign up good and tall players. One such team is Maccabi Petah Tikva.

Some time ago, Maccabi scouts discovered a pair of promising players in the U.S. Since Israel has that senseless law on its books, the team's agents arranged for a quickie conversion of the two new non-Jewish team members so they could

obtain Israeli citizenship (and play basketball) in a matter of months under the Law of Return. Otherwise becoming an Israeli can take years — of valuable playing time.

A PROBLEM emerged when the scouts and new players arrived in Israel, and the latter formally applied for citizenship. An alert Interior Ministry clerk noticed that the American "rabbi" who had performed their conversion to Judaism had been disqualified since an earlier "basketball conversion."

This strange challenge apparently came as a shock to the team. Why should a cleric's credentials get in

the way of important league games on the roster?

However, a law is a law, no matter how stupid, and only repeal can bring relief. So, the team reportedly attempted to make its two new players Israeli citizens another way — by having them marry Israeli spouses.

But even then the sailing was not so clear. As non-Jews, they could not marry Jewesses in Israel. So — goes the report — our two newly acquired basketball players had to travel to Cyprus, where their marriages to the Jewish Israeli women could be solemnized legally, and the way would be open for the players to apply for Israeli citizenship.

As if subjecting the two Americans to this ordeal was not enough, the Interior Ministry now refuses to recognize the marriages as "genuine." As a result, the two players have been left dribbling in

limbo.

Fortunately, Maccabi P. Tikva, in an application to the Court, has won an order directing Interior Minister Yosef Burg show cause why he should recognize the marriages as valid. Would make more sense, it seems, if the court would issue an order — to the government: to cause why it should not repeal ludicrous "sports-for-Israel citizens-only" law.

Virtually pushing gentiles Judaism — if they use the Law Return approach — is just reprehensible as gentle mission activity in the Jewish state. And encouraging non-Israelis to Israeli spouses solely for the reason of athletics makes a mockery of Jewish concept of marriage building a family.

The writer is a member of Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I commend Joanna Yehiel's, The Banality of Rape (December 2) as well as her previous interview with Helen Gurley Brown, Philosophy of Sex (November 11).

Women such as Helen Gurley Brown present far greater problems to women than sexist males and patriarchal laws. Under the guise of helping women toward "sexual liberation," she and the journal Cosmopolitan aid in the further enslavement of women. Rather than follow the tenets of a women's movement that worked toward strengthening women, aiding in raising her self-identity and self-esteem and to fight back against abuse and violence, Ms. Gurley Brown reiterates that one must have a man, one must please a man and one must depend on a man. This, she tells us, is the reason for her success — e.g. "I was a total amateur — I had my husband to back me up."

Ms. Brown with her quick mind ever ready to pounce on the new and misuse it for her own purposes, presents us with a magazine whose covers depict women oozing sex. Dresses cut down to the navel, they are ready at all times to pour forth unbidden treasures. Women's struggle to gain selfhood, identity and independence is torn to shreds!

It was the women's movement, beginning in the late Sixties and early Seventies, that showed the end product of Ms. Brown's so-called "sexual liberation." Rape, marital rape, battered women, incest, pornography, sexual harassment were brought forward and named as women around the world gave long hard years of unpaid work to bring forward the reality of women's situation and change laws that made women responsible for violence and crimes against them.

A young woman soldier told me that the article covered only the tip of the iceberg. Besides rape, army girls are sexually harassed and have now been supplied with aerosol containers to ward off attackers. She felt that it was good that this problem was at last receiving public attention in Israel.

THELMA PESKIN HALPERN Ashdod.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Joanna Yehiel launches a heartfelt complaint about the attitude of the law-enforcing bodies towards rape and its victims. But how can the police be expected to be considerate, if the law itself is on the side of the rapist? The law forbids any effective self-defence by the victim, unless she is

THE BANALITY OF RAPE

an expert in judo etc. A lawyer once pointed out to me: a woman who kills an assailant before he has actually raped her, will be convicted for murdering an innocent person, while a woman who kills a rapist after the act, will go to prison for murder out of revenge. The same goes for anyone who tries to defend a raped woman. So if police conduct with rape victims is a moot subject, the morality of the law in this matter is outright hypocritical.

MICHAEL NOACH Beersheba.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — On behalf of the Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa Rape Crisis Centres, I agree with what Joanna Yehiel wrote about rape.

One aspect which is hardest for the victim may be the attitude of society towards her. What the rape victim often goes through after the rape itself, is sometimes called the second rape.

We, the volunteers working at the Rape Crisis Centres, try to help women who have experienced the trauma of sexual attacks return to their normal level of functioning. We can be contacted at: Jerusalem, 02-810110; Tel Aviv, 03-234819; Haifa, 04-88791.

M. CHERNIAR Jerusalem.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Do not look to the Knesset. Do not look to the courts or to the police. The judicial system is not going to help rape victims in Israel.

Like every other nation, Israel is male dominated. Whatever position a man holds in government, he is still a man with a sex-drive or at least a memory of one.

His view of women formed at an early age within the context of a similarly male dominated society. He was taught (by example if not by lesson) that women exist to quench his sexual thirst and to give birth to and take care of his sons. Women, by that society's definition, can never be man's equal.

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The cop whom the rape victim comes to for help may be sexually attracted to her himself or even become sexually aroused by her story. This is not to say he would ever act upon such arousal, but the fact that he might have these feelings can't help but colour his responses towards the victim. Same goes for a judge or an MK. Their own sexual experiences, fantasies and subconscious desires and/or fears will all play a part in their attitude. Equitable treatment under the law is a disastrously false expectation where rape is concerned.

RICHARD PENNIMAN Jerusalem.

PRIVACY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In the television reporting of the bus bombing in Jerusalem the camera showed us the usual on-the-scene horrors but then it shifted to the care the victims were receiving in emergency rooms.

I am an intensive care nurse, so what sickened me more than the sight of burned people was the blatant invasion of privacy that telecast signified. Is there no sense of propriety and humanity in this culture? For a people who have suffered such inhumanity ourselves, we seem to have very short memories.

ELISSA BARPAL Petah Tikva.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I wish to inform your readers that a nationwide effort representative of all streams of Jewry is now underway to confront and expose Christian missionary activity in Israel wherever it may appear. Persons interested in joining this effort or in sharing information with us may contact the Missionary Control Centre, P.O. Box 4480, Jerusalem.

We here are constantly bombarded with letters, pamphlets, telephone calls soliciting us and telling us how poor Israel is, how it needs money in the form of donations to make up its deficit, how the Israelis suffer, etc. On the other hand, on my recent travels through Europe, I encountered everywhere Israelis living it up in the most luxurious manner, while I, the American, had to budget money.

Restraint and austerity should begin at the top.

ELIEZER JACOB Ashkelon

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